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‘As a governor, a coach, a teacher and a veteran, he’s delivered for working families like his. It’s great to have him on team’, P 16

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Nobel Laureate Yunus To Head Interim Govt

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Dhaka: Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus will head the country's interim govt after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down and



► Why Bangla Is Banking On Yunus, FLAP OPP

fled the country amid a mass uprising against her regime, led mostly by students.

The announcement early on Wednesday came from Jonyal Abedin, the press secretary of President Mohamed Shahabuddin. Abedin spoke to AP over phone. Abedin also said other members of the Yunus-led govt would be decided soon after discussion with political parties and other stakeholders.

The toll in the violence that has wracked the country since the protests began rose to 440, even as there were signs of normalcy returning in capital Dhaka.

President Shahabuddin dissolved Parliament earlier on Tuesday, clearing the way for fresh elections. His office also announced that leader

of the opposition Begum Khaleda Zia had been freed from house arrest.

The Anti-Discrimination Student Movement that spearheaded the protests had announced earlier that Yunus had agreed to head the interim govt. “If action is needed in Bangladesh, for my country and for the courage of my people, then I will take it,” Yunus had told AFP, also calling for “free elections”.

President Shahabuddin met the key coordinators of the student movement to discuss the situation and the shape of the interim govt. The three service chiefs were also present at the meeting. Nahid Islam, one of the coordinators of the student movement, had proposed Yunus's name in a video message earlier on Tuesday. “We urge the president to take steps as soon as possible to form an interim govt headed by Dr Yunus,” Nahid said.

“No govt other than the one proposed by the students will be accepted. As we have said, no military govt, or one backed by the military, or a govt of fascists, will be accepted,” said Nahid.

Microfinance pioneer Yunus, 84, is credited with lifting millions out of poverty—earning the enmity of Hasina and the wide respect of millions of Bangladeshis.

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B'DESH BURNS: 24 DEAD AS HOTEL SET ON FIRE; PRODUCER & POLITICIAN LYNCHED

► At least 24 people, including an Indonesian, burned alive when a mob set fire to a hotel owned by an Awami League politician in Jashore. Toll set to rise

► In Khulna, three people, including district-level Awami League functionary Mohsin Reza, beaten to death

► House of Mashrafe Mortaza, a former cricketer and an Awami League MP, set ablaze by a mob. He was unhurt

► Bangladeshi producer Selim Khan, who made a film on Mujibur Rahman and had several movies on the floor in Kolkata's Tollywood, lynched along with actor-son Shanto Khan in Chattogram

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A gutted Awami League office in Dhaka



Rescuers fear there may still be many bodies inside the hotel at Jashore (above)

Hindu councillor killed; temples, shops & houses ransacked in 27 districts

TNN & AGENCIES

Dhaka: Several temples, houses and shops belonging to the minority Hindu community were vandalised, women assaulted and a Hindu politician of Awami League was murdered as mobs went on the rampage in at least 27 districts of Bangladesh since the ouster of Sheikh Hasina.

Reacting to the attacks, foreign minister S Jaishankar said India was closely following the situation and would remain deeply concerned about the well-being of the minorities till law and order was restored.

Hindus constitute about 8% of Bangladesh's 170 million people and have historically largely supported Hasina's Awami League.

Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council leader Kajol Debnath said the attacks targeted 200 to 300 houses and businesses and 15-20 temples left around 40 Hindus injured. “The situation is grave. We urge the army to ensure security for the minorities,” Unity Council's general secretary Rana Dasgupta said.

In Rangpur, Haradhan Roy, an Awami League councillor and his nephew were hunted down and killed by a mob. “The situation is horrific,” said Manindra Nath, a community elder. “We are getting calls from people asking us to save them, but we are not receiving any support from anywhere.”



India-Bangladesh border at Bongaon, 100km from Kolkata

Man jumps off hotel, hobbles across border

At the India-Petrapole integrated checkpoint near Bongaon in Bengal's North 24 Parganas, the air was rife with tales of dramatic escapes of Indians in the aftermath of the insurrection in Bangladesh. One hobbled to safety after he broke his legs after jumping from a burning hotel, some trekked through the night, others hitch-hiked till the checkpoint, a few spent thousands of rupees for rickety rickshaw rides, and scores slept at a bus terminus across the border in the hope of boarding the first available vehicle home. P12

Trying their best to keep the mobs at bay, members of a number of student organisations and youth wings of several political parties were seen standing guard outside temples and churches.

UK asylum tricky, Hasina looks at other options, anxious wait for New Delhi

Sachin Parashar & Naomi Canton

New Delhi/London: After reports that deposed Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina was headed West, or London in all likelihood, it emerged Tuesday that she might have to stay put in India for days, if not longer. With India tight-lipped about how long it can allow her to stay here and the UK effectively ruling out asylum for her, Hasina was said to be exploring other options, including the US and Finland.

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'She's in shock, we will wait till she settles'



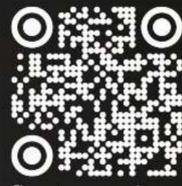
Foreign minister S Jaishankar told an all-party meeting Tuesday that ousted Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina was in shock at the turn of events and the Centre would discuss with her about her future course once she is settled down. Hasina, who landed in Hindon in a BAF aircraft with her sister on Monday, was moved to a safehouse. P12

► 'Apply for asylum', P 13

EAM doesn't rule out foreign hand in B'desh turmoil

Foreign minister S Jaishankar didn't rule out the involvement of foreign players in Bangladesh turmoil but refrained from making categorical assertions and said the situation was too fluid. He was replying to leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi at the all-party meet as the latter asked him about foreign players fomenting trouble. Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy speaking to some TV channels, attributed the current situation in Bangladesh to foreign interference and alleged involvement of Pakistan's ISI. P12

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BWSSB to commission Asia's largest water treatment plant this month

Inauguration By CM & DCM In Next 2-3 Weeks

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Bengaluru: Providing Cauvery water to 110 villages along the outskirts of the city under the ambitious Cauvery V Stage project, BWSSB is set to commission Asia's largest water treatment plant at Thorekadanahalli (TK Halli), 95km from Bengaluru in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district. Pumping 775 MLD of potable water to the city under Stage 5 of the Cauvery project, the plant will be inaugurated either before or after Aug 15.

Already under trial run, the Rs 5,550-crore project promises to be a unique pumping station as it will pump clean water to a height of 920 metres between TK Halli and Bengaluru, spanning 95km. Also, the pumps will lift the water from a pool 7-8m deep, unlike the normal pumping stations with 2-3m depth.

BWSSB chairperson Ram Prasath Manohar told TOI: "We're fixing minor technical glitches. Depending on availability of time, both chief minister Siddaramaiah and

COMING SOON
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TIMES Special

How do you get Cauvery water in your taps?
Cauvery water is released from KRS to the river. It travels 95km to reach the Shiva anicut near Malavalli. Water collected in gravity pits is drawn and supplied to TK Halli treatment plant at a distance of 11km via gravitational pull. At TK Halli, water is treated for turbidity and processed through chlorination, aluminium sulphate and alum treatment. After passing through an aeration facility, water is ready for pumping to Bengaluru in three phases spanning a distance of 70km. In each of these phases, BWSSB has built multiple clear water reservoirs to collect pumped water & supply it

deputy CM DK Shivakumar will inaugurate the project this month."

Saying the state-of-the-art pumping station is completely powered by Japanese machinery and French technology, he said, "The machines, water treatment technology have all been tailored to suit our requirements and the condition of water drawn from Cauvery river. Water will be pumped in three sta-

ges from the river to Bengaluru city through multiple pumps with a capacity of 3,500 HP each. Each pump will lift 150 MLD of water. Unlike previous stages, the pumping pipelines have also been widened to supply enough water, considering the high density of population in the targeted areas."

Manohar said engineers are working day and night to assess the capacity of the

walls, joints and their interconnectedness. "We've been carrying out hydrotest in the newly laid pipelines to ensure all joints and walls are installed in a perfect manner to withstand 3,500 HP pressure," explained a junior engineer at TK Halli.

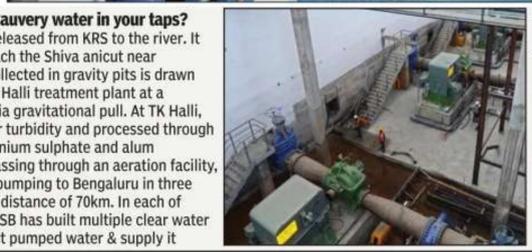
Delayed by pandemic
Cauvery V Stage project, envisaging the supply of potable water to 110 villages spread

across five zones of BBMP, was due for commissioning in March 2023. However, with many migrant labourers returning to their hometowns after Covid struck, the project was given a fresh deadline of May 2024. As the deadline coincided with elections in different states, workers had to return to their homes again. The project was later resolved to be completed in Aug 2024.

Pics: TOI

TARGETED BENEFICIARIES	
Bommanahalli: 33 villages	RR Nagar: 17 villages
Mahadevapura: 23 villages	Dasarahalli: 11 villages
Byatarayanapura: 26 villages	

CAUVERY V STAGE PROJECT	
Project cost: ₹5,550cr	Beneficiaries: 110 villages
Water-drawing point: Shiva anicut across Cauvery	Water treatment unit: Thorekadanahalli, Malavalli taluk, Mandya
Stages: 3 (TK Halli / Harohalli / Tataguni)	Pipeline length: 70km
Pumps: 6 per stage (3 on standby always)	Diameter of pipes: 3m (earlier 2.7m)
Power of pumps: 3,500 HP (earlier 2,500 HP)	Machinery imported from Japan
Capacity of pumps: 150 MLD each	



E-bus catches fire on ORR as rainwater rises to 2-3ft

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: An electric bus leased by BMTCC caught fire on a waterlogged road near Hebbal Monday night. No passenger was injured though the bus was gutted.

This is the first major fire involving an e-bus in the city. Officials suspect the fire started after rainwater, which had accumulated to a height of 2-3ft on the road, entered the battery compartment of the bus.

The e-bus, which operated on Outer Ring Road (ORR), was heading to Gograguntepalya from Tin Factory (route 500QA/9), a BMTCC official said. "As the bus neared Kempapura, it stopped all of a sudden after the driver drove on a waterlogged road. At that time, there were 10-15 passengers in the bus and all were asked to disembark. After making alternative arrangements for the passengers in another bus, the crew came back to check the vehicle. When the driver tried to restart it, the crew noticed smoke coming from the rear side of the bus. The driver contacted an official concerned at JBM, the private operator responsible for maintaining the electric bus. Meanwhile, the crew also alerted the fire and emer-



NO CASUALTIES: Though the vehicle had 10-15 passengers, all were disembarked before the incident took place near Hebbal Monday

gency services. In no time, the entire bus was gutted.

After the fire was extinguished by emergency personnel, the vehicle was transported to Kengeri depot for inspection. "In the past, there were minor incidents of smoke emanating from the batteries of e-buses inside the depot. This is the first time an entire vehicle has been gutted," an official said.

Another official said the standard protocol is for bus drivers not to drive on roads inundated with rainwater. "The driver shouldn't have driven on that stretch. After the vehicle broke down, the driver made failed attempts to restart it. After that, all the passengers were asked to disembark. After close to

half an hour, when the driver again restarted the vehicle, it caught fire. The reason will be known only after an investigation by the company that supplied and operated the bus. The probable cause is water entering the battery compartment," the official said.

JBM operates 90 buses under Bengaluru Smart City project. BMTCC started inducting e-buses in Dec 2021 and currently has 800 of them, with a majority operating under the FAME-2 scheme. BMTCC pays operational costs per km to private players after leasing buses from them, while supply, maintenance, deployment of drivers, and other responsibilities lie with the private companies.

OFFSIDE



Mechanic killed in freak accident

Bengaluru: A 35-year-old mechanic, lying beneath a private school minibus and repairing it, succumbed to injuries after the bus accidentally moved forward inside a garage at Sulikunte, Varthur, on Tuesday morning. The deceased is Vijay, a native of Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu.

Police said he was repairing the horn of the bus inside the garage around 10.30am and asked the driver to turn on the engine to check the wire connections. "The driver started the minibus, which was kept in first gear, and it suddenly moved. Vijay, who was lying beneath the engine part, sustained serious head injuries. He was shifted to a nearby hospital where he died," a cop said.

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Youth blackmails pal, extorts gold & cash

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Bengaluru: Sharing her personal details with a friend proved costly for a 19-year-old graduation student. The friend first blackmailed her, threatening to inform her mother and elder brother about her affair with another boy, which would result in her discontinuing studies. He then forced her to steal 75 grams of gold ornaments and Rs 1.2 lakh cash from her house and give it to him.

The girl is Rajani (name changed), a resident of Chikkalasanandra in south Bengaluru. The incident came to light in June when her mother, Bhavya, 41, (name changed), was getting ready for a relative's marriage and was shocked to find some of her ornaments and cash missing. Bhavya is a single parent living with Rajani and her elder son. A couple of days later, she learned her daughter had stolen the valuables and given them to Tejas, who was blackmailing her.

In her complaint to Subramanyapura police, Bhavya said Tejas had known her daughter for two years since he was a friend of Rajani's collegemate. After befriending her, Tejas often texted and called her. Trusting him, Rajani shared details about her mother, brother, and her affair with a boy.

In the last few months, Tejas started blackmailing her, saying he would inform her mother and brother about her lover. When she pleaded with him, he demanded a ransom to hold his silence.

In June, Tejas called her and told her to steal gold ornaments and cash from her house and give them to him. When Rajani told him she didn't have the cupboard key, he came near her house and college a couple of times to blackmail her. Worried, Rajani called Tejas to her house in the first week of June and gave him a necklace weighing 30 grams, gold chain (18 grams), two pairs of earrings (27 grams), and Rs 1.2 lakh in cash.

D-CET allotment round 2 halted

Bengaluru: Selection of choices for candidates allotted engineering seats through D-CET 2024 will be allowed until Thursday. H Prasanna, executive director of KEA, stated in a press release on Tuesday the deadline has been extended because of delays in fee payment caused by rain in various parts of the state.

As a result, the second round of seat allotment has been temporarily halted, and a revised schedule will be published soon. Candidates who selected choice 1 and choice 2 in the first round should download their challans by Thursday, pay the fees by Friday, and report to their respective colleges by Saturday.

Candidates who have completed admission for architecture course through D-CET 2024 but have not submitted their NATA marks to KEA should personally visit the KEA office to submit them and obtain their ranks.

FLOWERS BLOOM BRIGHT FOR I-DAY SHOW

Pics: Syed Asif



ALL EYES ON MEGA SPECTACLE
Preparations are in full swing for the 216th Independence Day flower show at Lalbagh. The show, which will be on from Aug 8 to 19, will honour Dr BR Ambedkar & his contributions to drafting the Indian Constitution

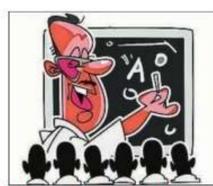


Pvt schools to observe Aug 15 as black day

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Bengaluru: Various stakeholders of private schools, including managements, teachers, and non-teaching staff, will observe Aug 15 as a black day, protesting against the lack of freedom and ease in running schools.

Speaking at a press conference Tuesday, D Shashi Kumar, convener of Karnataka Private School Managements Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Coordination Committee, said there is no freedom to run a "quality educational institution". "The education department doesn't honour any of the court orders.



LACKING IN FREEDOM?

They don't understand the challenges faced by private schools. Private schools aren't involved in any of the policy decisions taken by the govt," he alleged.

Shashi Kumar's accusations come at a time when the department has appealed against a high court or-

der on the matter of renewal of recognition, which was in favour of private schools. "After 20 months of the court order, the education department has appealed against the order. It is impossible for old schools to have the same certificates as the new ones," he said. "We require around 50 certificates from various departments, including that of fire safety and building safety. All these departments are engulfed in corruption. That the education department wants these rules back is only to encourage corruption," he added.

Teachers' protest on Aug 12
Meanwhile, teachers of govt

primary schools have also threatened to go on a strike on Aug 12. The strike will be held from 9am to 5pm at Freedom Park and is expected to host thousands of teachers. "The new recruitment and promotion rules should be applicable only to teachers appointed after 2017, they shouldn't be retrospective for those who applied before 2016," said Chandrashekar Nugli, president of Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association. In case the govt doesn't pay heed to the demands, the association plans to observe Sept 5 as a black day and also refrain from teaching classes 6-8.

Gold trader's wife ends life

A 23-year-old homemaker was found dead in her flat on Basavanna Street, Adugodi, late Monday night. The deceased is Nisha Chowdhary, wife of gold merchant Tarun Chowdhary. Her parents, who rushed to the city from Hyderabad, filed a dowry-harassment case against Tarun and his parents. Police said Nisha married Tarun two years ago. According to Nisha's parents, he often harassed her for more dowry. Both families are into gold trade and hail from Rajasthan.

If you are having suicidal thoughts or are in need of emotional support, call suicide-prevention helplines — Arogya Vani: 104, Sahay Helpline: 080-25497777

Many B'lureans find blood art intimate expression of bonds

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Bengaluru: Imagine a canvas splashed not just with colours, but infused with blood. This peculiar art form appears to be gaining popularity with customers getting a variety of artwork using blood.

Sanjeev Sangame, a multidisciplinary artist in Abbere, northern Bengaluru, has done more than 8,000 artworks with blood. "For me, blood art is about breaking taboos and pushing boundaries of what is considered acceptable in the art world. For my customers, art made with blood is the ultimate way to show how important one is to them. There's something intimate about using blood. It forces both the artist and the viewer to confront their perceptions of life, death, and human condition," Sanjeev said.

Whether it's a portrait or a small piece, he uses 2-3ml of blood. "Clients visit a diagnostic centre to get their blood



THE STRONGEST COLOUR

od drawn and send it to us. We need a week or two to finish their custom artwork," he said, adding that the service is available only for those above the age of 18. The price for an artwork depends on the size and the art, starting from around Rs 4,500.

Sharan Ediga from Rajajinagar is rapidly gaining attention for blood art too. "In just a year, I've completed over 500 pieces, and the demand is soaring. People are drawn to blood art because it

embodies a powerful sentiment. It's a unique expression of bonds that are both fascinating and intimate. I wasn't a fan initially, but now I'm hooked," Ediga said.

Akshara and Kiran Shetty, residents of Koramangala, said they wanted something extraordinary to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. "Blood art was a unique and intimate way to symbolise our journey. The piece is a blend of both our essences, capturing the love and challenges we've shared. It now hangs in our bedroom."

For Pooja K and her husband, residents of Indiranagar, it was the birth of their twins. "Blood art seemed like the perfect choice. We gave both our bloods to the artist to paint our babies. The artist captured the essence of our joy and love in a way that no photograph could. Every time we look at the piece, it reminds us of the miracle of their birth and the bond we share."

92 bone-marrow transplants in 1.5 yrs @Kidwai

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Bengaluru: The bone-marrow transplant unit at the state's prominent cancer hospital, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO), is inching closer to a century of procedures in 18 months since it started operating. The unit has conducted 92 successful bone-marrow transplants so far and can now accommodate 15 patients at a time, up from two when it was formally launched.

Soon after its launch, the hospital also embarked on allogeneic bone marrow transplant (BMT) — using stem cells from a donor. Six of the 92 transplants are allogeneic procedures and the rest autologous, where the healthy stem cells of the patients are used for their own treatment.

While the hospital has been relying on patients' kin for its allogeneic BMTs, it is also in the process of maintaining a registry and standardising protocols for unrelated donors too, said Suresh Babu MC, professor of medical oncology, KMIO. "The

BROTHER DONATES STEM CELLS, SAVES LIFE OF 14-YR-OLD GIRL

KMIO recently successfully completed its first paediatric allogeneic bone-marrow transplant with donation from sibling on a 14-year-old patient.

Archana (name changed) was suffering from acute myeloid leukaemia, a type of blood cancer. Her cancer was resistant to conventional chemotherapy and had very high chance of relapse. Luckily, her younger brother was a complete genetic match. Dr Vasundhara Kallansath, paediatric BMT physician and team at KMIO, decided to treat her with a high dose of chemotherapy, followed by allogeneic BMT, using the stem cells from her brother. Their father is a daily-wage earner and mother a factory worker. Dr Sharan Prakash Patil,



The bone-marrow unit accommodates 15 patients at a time now

medical education & skill development minister, said the patient is now disease-free and has been discharged. "Usually, in private hospitals, the cost of autologous transplant is Rs 7-15 lakh and allogeneic transplant costs about Rs 15-30

lakh. KMIO has been successful in providing these BMTs almost free of cost to patients by utilising Prime Minister's Relief Fund (PMRF), Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF), SCP/TSP scheme, ESI and CGHS schemes," he said.

BMT unit and govt funding have helped cater to a larger number of patients. While half the patients were from Kidwai itself, word of mouth spread and patients from

other districts and even outside of Karnataka started arriving. Most were treated free of cost," he added. Sathya (name changed) from Chittoor, Andhra Pra-

desh, a 20-year-old leukaemia survivor now, had learned about Kidwai's speciality unit from his uncle in 2022, when he was 18. "I was diagnosed with blood cancer at 16.

Despite four cycles of chemotherapy, my white blood cell count had not improved," he said. Within a year, when he started developing bleeding in his stomach, his father, an auto driver, and mother, a homemaker, rushed him to Bengaluru. He underwent a bone-marrow transplant in Feb 2023 and now, Sathya says, he can climb mountains. "I go trekking with my friends. It feels good to have so much energy," he said, two months into his lab technician diploma course.

Eighty-six patients have undergone autologous BMT — four from outside Karnataka, 68 from rural Karnataka, and the rest Bengalureans.

Dr Smitha Saldanha, associate professor, department of medical oncology, KMIO, said most patients are from below poverty line families like labourers or agricultural workers. Almost half the patients from rural areas come to Kidwai, the only govt hospital for bone marrow transplants in Karnataka. A majority are aged between 20 and 60.

Just because woman withdraws complaint, spouse not acquitted: HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK
Bengaluru: When offences of bigamy and cruelty are alleged, the withdrawal of the complaint by the wife from a particular court for want of

JURISDICTION ISSUE

jurisdiction doesn't tantamount to acquittal of the husband, the HC has said.

Justice M Nagaprasanna made this observation while dismissing the petition filed by the husband. The couple

got married in Nov 1991 and have a daughter. Trouble started within a year of marriage, and both started to live separately. In 1998, the petition filed by the husband for annulment of marriage was dismissed.

In 2005, the wife filed a complaint against the husband, alleging offences of bigamy, cruelty, and criminal intimidation, claiming that her husband, who got married a second time during the subsistence of the first marriage, threatened her to with-



BIGAMY & CRUELTY CASE

draw the cases filed against him. In 2015, the wife withdrew the complaint to be re-submitted before a jurisdictional court in Mysuru, where she was living. The same was permitted. Thereafter, she moved the court in Mysuru, and the case was registered in 2018. Though the hus-

band challenged the same, the sessions court dismissed his plea in 2021. Thereafter, he moved the high court.

The husband argued that the withdrawal of the case amounts to the acquittal of the accused under Section 257 of the CrPC. "Power to transfer is only vested with the sessions court under Section 408 of the CrPC. On the merit of the matter, there is no evidence of second marriage whatsoever, and we have been living separately for the last 32 years," he added.

The wife defended the order passed by the trial court in Mysuru. Justice Nagaprasanna noted that Section 257 of CrPC deals with the trial of summons cases by the magistrate and would apply where the maximum punishment is up to two years and not warrant cases. "The offence of bigamy (Section 494 of IPC) and Section 498A of the IPC (Cruelty), both of which would attract punishment up to three years of imprisonment, if proved. Therefore, it is of no

consequence or beneficial to the husband to contend that he gets acquitted once the complaint is withdrawn. The magistrate court observes that since both the parties are residing in Mysuru, it is just and necessary to permit the complainant to withdraw the complaint and file it before the appropriate court. It was dismissed as withdrawn. The husband wants to take advantage of the circumstance, on the score that he has been acquitted. It is a figment of his imagination," the judge said.

Spl court raps prison officials

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Bengaluru: Taking serious note of senior prison officials' failure in handing over custody of one of the prime suspects of Valmiki Corporation scam to Enforcement Directorate, special judge Gajana Bhat (from the special court for elected representatives) directed DGP (prisons) Malini Krishnamurthy and SP Bengaluru Central Prison Sheshamurthy to be present during the next hearing on Aug 14. The ED had sought the

custody of Satyanarayana Varma from Hyderabad, a prime suspect arrested in the case, and approached the special court on Aug 22. The court issued a body warrant, directing Bengaluru Central Prison SP to hand over Varma's custody to ED. By then, arrested by CID's SIT Varma was in judicial custody of Bengaluru Central Prison.

Judge directed issuance of show-cause notice to the prison officials, asking why action shouldn't be taken against them for neglecting the body warrant.

Fraudsters pose as RBI, CBI officials to con techie of ₹1.4L

Put Her Under 'Digital Arrest' For 28 Hours

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Bengaluru: Miscreants, who used to fleece money from gullible people in the name of 'FedEx' courier containing drugs, passport, and other valuables, are now resorting to a new trick. They call potential victims, posing as RBI officials and concoct a story about how a criminal case had been registered against them for failing to pay their credit card bills.

In one such recent case, a software engineer lost Rs 1.4 lakh. She was kept under "digital arrest" for almost 28 hours. Madhumathi, 22, (name changed), a resident of Banashankari Ird Stage, told police that she received a call from an unknown number at 1pm on Aug 2. The caller introduced himself as an RBI officer. He claimed that a credit card from State Bank of India (SBI) was issued in her name in Feb this year and she had to immediately clear the dues of Rs 1.2 lakh to prevent blocking of the card.

When Madhumathi told him that she doesn't have any account in SBI, the caller provided her details such as her name and Aadhaar card number. He further claimed that there was an FIR registered against her. A person then spoke to her posing as a Hyderabad police officer and explained that since Feb, she had used Rs 1.2 lakh from the

3 cheat elderly swapping ATM cards, held

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Bengaluru: Three persons involved in cheating elderly people by exchanging their debit cards at ATM kiosks have landed in police custody.

Subramanyapura police team, headed by inspector Raju BS, arrested Vivek Kumar, 28, and Chunalil Kumar, 24, both from Bihar. The duo had cheated Sanjay Singh, 54, a resident of Chikkalasandra, of Rs 75,000 on July 15. Singh had visited an ATM kiosk on Uttarhalli Main Road to change his debit card's PIN. The duo offered him help.

On the pretext of changing his PIN number, the duo collected an OTP generated and returned a card to him, telling him the PIN was not getting changed. Singh then got messages of Rs 75,000 debited from his account. He immediately

credit card and he threatened to arrest her.

A few minutes later, a person called her from the number 7416135140 and introduced himself as a senior CBI officer. He claimed that there was another account opened in her name at Canara Bank and the passbook and debit card were found during a raid at Jet Airways founder Nareish Goyal's house, an accused in a money laundering case. The "officer" told her that there was also a money laundering case against her. She would be arrested by his



their house in Bettadasanapura but the duo were unavailable. When they returned from their hometown in Bihar recently, police nabbed them. Around 37 debit cards and Rs 7,500 were seized from them.

Habitual offender targets aged, women
Begur police inspector Krushna Kumar PS and his team arrested Sagar alias Dadiya Dileep, 32, from Shivamogga, and seized 32 debit cards and Rs 4,000.

Sagar is a habitual offender, who used to target aged persons and women. Renuka, a resident of Marul, had filed a complaint on July 22, that a person, on the pretext of helping her withdraw money, exchanged the card. Sagar had withdrawn Rs 61,500 from her account. He was earlier arrested by Chandra Layout, Upparpet, and Shivamogga police.

subordinates who had already landed in Bengaluru.

They kept her under "digital arrest" and warned her not to reveal anything about the call "as the case was very sensitive." They made a video call to her in which they flashed their ID cards, and the crook was in a room set up as a police station. Later, they turned off their camera and watched her every movement, even when she slept. They took a few photos of her and threatened her to follow their instructions. The crook told her that the only solu-

tion was to avail bail. Next day, they asked her to transfer money to CBI's secret account so that they could arrange bail and made her transfer Rs 50,000 twice and Rs 40,000. It was only when they demanded more money, Madhumathi got suspicious. When she refused to pay, they disconnected the call.

She called the cyber helpline 1930 and filed a complaint on Aug 4. A senior officer said the same miscreants who call people in the name of 'FedEx' are involved in this case.

ma, representing the main accused and others, argued that prosecution failed to give sufficient evidence for conviction. He cited the forensic report, which did not support the claims made, and noted that the allegations of dacoity were unsubstantiated. Sharma also suggested that digital evidence may have been manipulated and pointed out that the victim could not identify the accused. Meanwhile, soon after the verdict, Padil refused to react, stating his advocate will speak on the matter.

Students get answers with question paper

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Davanagere University made a blunder Tuesday as the authorities distributed the copy of key answers along with a question paper of e-commerce in the final-semester BCom examination. The gaffe forced the authorities to reschedule the exam to a later date.

The e-commerce exam was scheduled for 10am Tuesday at over 70 affiliated colleges. Students at some centres realised they were given key answers along with the question paper. Some students alerted the university about the mix-up.

Prof CK Ramesh, registrar (evaluation) of Davanagere University, said: "We cancelled the e-commerce exam scheduled for Tuesday for BCom final-semester students due to technical problems at some exam centres. We regret the inconvenience caused to them. We will inform about the next date."

According to sources, the mix-up occurred during printing. During the setting of question papers, subject experts also set answer keys (called Scheme of Evaluation), which helps evaluators give marks accordingly.

Want more garlic flavour in food? Prepare to pay more

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Bengaluru: Garlic - indispensable kitchen bulbs that infuse dishes with rich taste and enticing aroma - have brought tears to citizens. Reason: Skyrocketing prices!

While online prices of garlic touched Rs 450 per kg, pushcart vendors are selling at Rs 400 across the city.

This is the second time garlic prices have reached this high in the year.

Consumers are thinking twice about using it to keep their kitchen budget under check. Earlier in the month of Feb, garlic prices had reached Rs 500 per kg, and experts attributed the reason to a slump in production. This time, the demand from eastern and Arabic countries has increased export and availability of garlic stock, resulting in a big jump in local prices.

Garlic is cultivated largely in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh. Some farmers in north Karnataka and Maharashtra do cultivate garlic. However, Bengaluru sources a major bulk of the kitchen

SHELLING OUT BIG FOR TINY WHITE BULBS	
Pushcart	₹400
Online	₹450
Wholesale	₹320
Retail	₹350
Hopcoms	₹350
Price per kg	

PRICE HIKE: Cost of garlic is expected to come down only in Feb, when new stock arrives

essential from central and western parts of the country.

Suresh SV, vice-chancellor of University of Agricultural Sciences, told TOI, "The reduced yield of garlic is due to diminishing water resources and lower crop availability. The shortfall in production from other major garlic-producing countries has increased global demand and export market reliance on Indian garlic. In Feb, many farmers sold 60% of the produce as the prices were high at the time, and only the remaining 40% is available now for the market. Naturally, there will be a short supply, and thus, an increase in the price of garlic. The garlic sowing season begins in Oct, and new harvests will only arrive in Feb."

According to him, high prices may continue until the new stock arrives. He added, "There has been a huge demand for the Indian white bulbs globally. Compared to 2022-2023, garlic production has increased from 2.2 million tonnes to over 3.4 million tonnes, but due to the increase of exports to other countries, mostly to Arab and eastern nations, prices have increased locally."

Deepak Shah, secretary, Garlic Merchants' Association of Bengaluru, said, "There has been a shortage of garlic from the markets of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh as the city gets garlic mostly from these states. Weather conditions like heavy rainfall have also impacted the crop this time, which has resulted in a price hike."

44 accused in M'luru homestay attack acquitted

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Sixth additional district sessions judge in Mangaluru, Kantharaju SV, has acquitted all accused in the infamous homestay attack case, which took place nearly 12 years ago.

On July 28, 2012, activists from the Hindu Jagaran Vedike stormed the Morning Mist homestay in Padil, where a birthday celebration was under way. It was reported that there were 12 persons, including five girls. As they were arranging food af-

ter birthday celebrations, about 40 activists led by Subhash Padil barged into the homestay in the evening. Video journalists recorded the scene of the attack.

The accused allegedly assaulted and molested the girls present, an act captured on television cameras. Police had filed a chargesheet against 44, including two journalists. Later, the state govt decided to withdraw charges against regional television reporter Naveen Sourinje, who spent over four months in jail in connection

with the case. Three accused persons died, and one was a minor. Padil, who led the activists, when in jail, expressed no regret, claiming their actions were meant to uphold cultural values and prevent drug abuse. This incident had brought back memories of pub attack, where Sri Ram Sene activists attacked pub-goers in Jan 2009.

The acquitted individuals include Subhash Padil, Ganesh alias Munna, Sharrath, Sandeep Shetty, Tharanatha, and Chetan Kulkal. Senior advocate Shambu Shar-

ma, representing the main accused and others, argued that prosecution failed to give sufficient evidence for conviction. He cited the forensic report, which did not support the claims made, and noted that the allegations of dacoity were unsubstantiated. Sharma also suggested that digital evidence may have been manipulated and pointed out that the victim could not identify the accused. Meanwhile, soon after the verdict, Padil refused to react, stating his advocate will speak on the matter.

Explore Bengaluru's vibrant culture at KIA T2's luxurious 080 lounge

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Bengaluru: Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has officially unveiled its new Zero Eight Zero (080) lounge, a lavish space themed around the vibrant culture of Bengaluru and Karnataka.

Spanning 38,000 square feet and located on the first floor of Terminal 2 (T2), the Zero Eight Zero features cafés, inspired by Kodagu, tributes to Bengaluru's pop culture and local artists, making it a distinctive place to unwind.

One major highlight is the Radio House, a restopub reflecting Bengaluru's pop culture with art installations crafted solely from black and brown stick tapes, creating unique patterns. The restaurant also showcases a retro-themed display of vinyl records, celebrating the city's love for music. "We want Bengaluru's



airport to be a destination in itself, offering a memorable experience that echoes the city's charm," said Pravat Paikaray, VP (commercial), Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL).

"Radio House mirrors the lively spirit of MG Road and Indiranagar," he said.

The lounge's intricate detailing extends even to the floor mats, which feature a map of Bengaluru with highligh-

ted wards like Indiranagar, Jayanagar and Shantinagar. It also has a beautiful cafe called Bengaluru Courtyard, which is inspired by Bengaluru Club.

Another highlight is a snug corner, filled with books, perfect for reading, while enjoying a hot coffee from Kodagu Café. This café, constructed from 5,000 wooden blocks without nails or other supports, replicates the cozy corners found in erstwhile Coorg homes.

"We've used earthy colours like brown, with local artists painting scenes of coffee estates in the ambience," said Deepika Dudgeja, a representative from BIAL.

There is also the Music Tree, a massive structure made from over 10,000 lantern branches by Nilgiri tribes. This tree serves as a platform for upcoming and established music bands to perform.

HC: Proceedings in bribery case against inspector to continue

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Bengaluru: Reversing the trial court's order, the high court recently ordered that proceedings be continued against a senior motor vehicle inspector and co-accused in a bribery case.

In 2013, Lokayukta police registered a case against T Manjunath working with KR Puram RTO for accepting Rs 15,000 through a co-accused, after scaling down the demand from Rs 24,000 to Rs 18,000.

The proceedings were initiated before the special court. However, on August 23, 2017, the special court discharged Manjunath solely on the ground that consent for prosecution wasn't obtained from the competent authority. However, liberty was granted to Lokayukta police to proceed further after obtaining sanction from the competent authority.

Appearing for Lokayukta police, special public prosecutor BS Prasad submitted that the trial court had interfered solely on the ground that Manjunath was a Group B officer and hence, the competent aut-

hority to accord sanction prosecution should be the state govt.

He argued that as per a govt circular issued in February 2010, the transport commissioner would be the competent authority as he had appointed him (Manjunath) as Group C officer prior to his promotion as Group B officer. He added that the circular mandates that the appointing authority continues to be the competent authority in such cases.

On the other hand, Manjunath argued that the amount paid by the complainant was towards payment of taxes in respect of vehicles belonging to him and not as a bribe, and no sufficient material was placed before the trial court on record to frame charges to proceed with trial. According to Manjunath, he was exonerated in the departmental inquiry on the same set of allegations.

Justice HP Sandesh noted that there is evidence of conversation with regard to acceptance of a bribe of Rs 15,000 through HB Mastagowda, representative of a motor vehicles' school.

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CM submits more papers to gov; new petition filed

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Bengaluru: Chief minister Siddaramaiah has handed over more documents on the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case to governor Thaaavar Chand Gehlot's office, asserting that the allegations against him do not warrant prosecution. This follows a fresh petition submitted by another activist related to a denotification case.

Siddaramaiah reportedly sent the documents to Raj Bhavan on Saturday on advice from a senior advocate in Delhi, who also happens to be a senior Congressman. A CMO official clarified: "It is not additional documents but additional information. The governor had asked for it."

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The documents aim to demonstrate that the allegations against the CM are insufficient for prosecution, referencing several past court verdicts on similar matters.

Fresh petition

Earlier on Tuesday, another petition was filed with Raj Bhavan seeking sanction to prosecute Siddaramaiah for recommending denotification of one acre and 39 guntas of land at Uttanahalli village on the outskirts of Mysuru.

In his complaint, social activist and journalist Snehamayi Krishna said Siddaramaiah wrote to Mysuru deputy commissioner in 2008, recommending denotification



BUILDING A CASE? During his visit to Delhi last week, governor Thaaavar Chand Gehlot had met PM Narendra Modi among others

of the parcel of land in the name of Marappa, son of Biramma, acquired to construct houses under Ashraya scheme. While doing so, Siddaramaiah, then an MLA, did not verify the petitioner's ownership of the land, the petition states.

"Based on Siddaramaiah's recommendation, the land was denotified in the name of a private person. Siddaramaiah should be prosecuted," Krishna said in his petition which was sent via Speed Post to Raj Bhavan.

Abraham meets Gehlot

Meanwhile, T.J Abraham, the petitioner in MUDA case, met Gehlot on Tuesday and provided clarifications on allegation made by Siddaramaiah and other Congressmen against him. Siddaramaiah's ministers last week had questioned Abraham's credibility,

labelling him a "blackmailer penalised by the Supreme Court for filing frivolous public interest litigations".

"When you are dealing with an important issue, you ask for clarification so that there is no confusion. The governor is doing the same thing," Abraham said. "People in gov't who could not contest the content of my petition are contesting my character. But I have explained everything to the governor."

He was confident the governor would soon grant sanction to prosecute the CM. Gehlot, meanwhile, is said to be weighing his options, including handing over the matter to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or establishing a judicial commission headed by a serving justice of the high court. Sources say Siddaramaiah will receive another notice from Gehlot

seeking an explanation.

Conc ready for long haul

Should the governor grant consent for prosecution, Congress may take the fight to the Supreme Court if needed. Congress high command has also decided to launch a national agitation, alleging high-handedness by Raj Bhavan and the Centre.

Higher education minister MC Sudhakar also met the governor on Tuesday, but his meeting was to do with issues relating to universities as the governor is chancellor, an official said. However, the official did not rule out a discussion regarding another show-cause notice.

Siddaramaiah on Monday had said his gov't is ready to fight the case legally and politically if the governor goes against the advice of his council of ministers to withdraw the show-cause notice and grants permission for prosecution.

Opposition ups ante

The opposition BJP and JD(S), meanwhile, are on a week-long 'Mysuru Chalo' padayatra to mount pressure on Siddaramaiah to resign and to seek a CBI investigation into the MUDA case.

Congress, which said it would fight the opposition's efforts to "destabilise" a constitutionally elected gov't, launched a series of Janandolan meets along the padayatra route to dispel "the lies" of the opposition and to "make known the truth" to the people.

To keep up pressure, BJP plans another campaign in N K'taka

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Mandya: BJP is considering escalating its campaign against chief minister Siddaramaiah in North Karnataka, a traditional stronghold of the saffron party, by leveraging momentum from its ongoing eight-day 'Mysuru Chalo' padayatra.

The party is weighing two options: Holding public rallies in Kittur and Kalyana Karnataka regions or launching another padayatra aimed at highlighting alleged injustices

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against Dalits by the Congress gov't, particularly regarding issues related to the Scheduled Tribes (ST) Development Corporation.

While BJP state president BY Vijayendra, who is leading the padayatra indicated that they may hold a mega rally, B Sriramulu, the party's face for ST issues, proposed a padayatra from Bidar to Ballari or from Ballari to Chitradurga.



SONG AND DANCE: Day 4 of the BJP-JD(S) padayatra on Tuesday saw a blend of politics and entertainment, as senior party functionaries, including BJP state unit president BY Vijayendra danced with party workers. The padayatra continued to cause traffic chaos on Bengaluru-Mysuru national highway service road, leaving commuters stranded

However, sources say the padayatra plan may not receive approval from the party leadership in Delhi due to internal differences involving Vijayendra. Day 4 of the 'Mysuru Chalo' protest began

at Nidaghatta on Tuesday and covered 20km, reaching the district headquarters city of Mandya, represented by JD(S) president HD Kumaraswamy in the Lok Sabha.

Many workers and func-

tionaries from both parties were seen marching and shouting slogans against Siddaramaiah and his gov't, while displaying BJP and JD(S) party flags and placards.

The route of the march was adorned with flags, bunting, and portraits of prominent functionaries, in contrast to Channanapatna, where BJP had previously dominated.

In Kumaraswamy's absence, his son Nikhil, JD(S) state youth president, took the lead as BJP and JD(S) cadres marched in separate groups. "Congress is trying to divert the issue because the state is aware of the MUDA scam and Valmiki corruption that have taken place, and they cannot get them out. However, that is wrong; everyone in Karnataka is very smart," Nikhil said.

Addressing the crowd in Maddur town, Vijayendra said Siddaramaiah is the "No 1 accused" in the MUDA land and Valmiki ST corporation scams, pledging that their fight would continue until CM resigns.

DKS shows old videos, calls oppn 'opportunists'

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Mandya: Deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday presented a series of old video clips featuring BJP and JD(S) brass attacking each other and labelled them a "group of opportunists".

At their third Janandolan rally aimed at countering the ongoing BJP-JD(S) 'Mysore Chalo' padayatra, Shivakumar, also state Congress chief, played the videos on a giant screen. They included remarks made over the past six years by JD(S) functionaries HD Kumaraswamy and GT Devegowda and BJP figures BS Yediyurappa and Basanagouda Patil Yatnal.

The footage included instances of Kumaraswamy disparaging Yediyurappa, calling him the "pioneer of corruption", a stark contrast to his current accolades for the former CM.

In one striking clip, Kumaraswamy claimed he could obtain "PM Narendra Modi's approval for the Meke datu reservoir project in just five minutes" if elected Mandya Lok Sabha member. Shivakumar pointed out that Kumaraswamy later made a U-turn on that claim.

"Old foes have become friends only to unseat chief minister Siddaramaiah," Shivakumar said. "They cannot accept a person from a backward community in such a prestigious role." Shivakumar also characterised the opposition's march as "penance to wash off their sins and grand corruption".

He said the "final match" between governing Congress and opposition



HAMMER AND TONGS: Party state chief and deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar at Congress' Janandolan rally in Mandya district on Tuesday

BJP and JD(S) would take place in Mysuru, indicating that the valedictory event of the Janandolan rally in Mysuru would be a decisive event. Congress has scheduled that meeting at Maharaja's College Grounds on Friday, just ahead of the padayatra's entry into Mysuru on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah spent the day in Mysuru and only travelled with former MLA HP Manjunath in an SUV. He visited an under-construction house on Vishwa Manav Double Road in Kuvempu Nagar.

Despite no-change stance, lobbying for CM post intensifies

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Bengaluru: Although Congress' high command has thrown its weight behind chief minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA site allotment case and has clearly ruled out his ouster, it hasn't deterred chief minister aspirants from lobbying hard for the post.

KC Venugopal, Congress national general secretary (organisation), who met Siddaramaiah on Sunday in Bengaluru, had said Congress will not succumb to conspiracies of BJP-JD(S) to sabotage the gov't and there is no question of a change of guard. The party affirmed that it would counter protests politically and accordingly, the state unit of Congress launched the Janandolan campaign — public meetings at places along the BJP-JD(S) 'Mysuru Chalo' padayatra route.

Although senior functionaries



ALL IN THE FRAME: File picture of Siddaramaiah, ministers in his cabinet and other legislators at a protest against the Centre in Bengaluru

led by deputy chief minister and state Congress president DK Shivakumar are actively participating in the Janandolan campaign, camps within Congress are in-

volving in hectic lobbying for their respective leaders for the CM post.

While Shivakumar is seen as the obvious choice to replace Sid-

daramaiah, new contenders, including home minister G Parameshwara, a Dalit, are emerging. Some are even battling for Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, but his age appears to be a disadvantage, while the CM's coterie seems to favour public works minister Satish Jarkiholi, from the Valmiki community if a change is inevitable.

'Just a ploy'

"The opposition has failed to make a case against Siddaramaiah although BJP and JD(S) are trying hard to misuse the governor's office to harass him," said senior functionary and former KPCC president BS Shivanna. "Yet, it is unfortunate that some vested interests are creating an impression that the chief minister will be replaced. This has naturally given way to a race, but seniors should not fall for it."

In case it is pressed to take a call, it will be a tightrope walk for the party high command. Shivakumar, who aspires to succeed Siddaramaiah, is particularly focused on reports about the 30:30-month power-sharing arrangement. Sources say he is even in touch with BJP — his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week had raised eyebrows — and that he could switch to the saffron party if things do not go his way.

But state Congress working president GC Chandrashekar dismissed the notion saying, "It is natural in a situation like this that the media and political circles speculate. The party's focus is to counter BJP's attempts to destabilise our gov't. We are prepared for both legal and political battles. We have already launched a series of rallies against the governor's notice."

Will govt reclaim encroached forests in 30 days? Data paints grim picture

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Bengaluru: Days after the devastating landslides in Karnataka and neighbouring Kerala, forest minister Eshwar Khandre's order to crack down on forest encroachments, illegal layouts, resorts and homestays within a month has turned into no less a thriller than a T20 match!

For the record, forest officials have a mammoth task of reclaiming 1.5 lakh acres of forest land from encroachers in all 10 Western Ghats districts of Karnataka. Given the poor percentage of encroachment eviction in the past, the big question is whether the department will be able to achieve this task?

Data accessed by TOI on encroachment clearance in the past is not impressive. Of the 2.4 lakh acres of encroached forest land until March 2024, the department has been able to evict only 28,855 (12.2%) acres. A whopping 71% (1.7 lakh acres) is within the 10 WG districts and the extent of clearance is just 9% (14,835 acres). With over 1.5 lakh acres of land still under encroachment, conservationists and former forest officials have termed the minister's exercise impractical.

Akhilesh Chipli, a conservation activist from Shivamogga, said: "Reclaiming 1.5 lakh acres of forest land is practically impossible. It is only a knee-jerk reaction to the landslide incidents. The land issue in the region is not only sensitive but has a lot of political backing. Regardless of political ideology, all will be united against such a crackdown, paving the way for bitter unrest in the region and unnecessary confrontation with the public. Instead of a deadline, the minister should have given a free hand to the officials and held reviews of eviction every month."

Among the 10 Western Ghats districts, Shivamogga reported the highest incidents of encroachment (over 80,000 acres) and the depart-

Western Ghats districts	Encroachment (in acres)	Encroachment evicted	Under encroachment
Shivamogga	83,801	3,026	80,775
Chikkamagaluru	31,460	5,481	25,979
Uttara Kannada	29,882	1,573	28,309
Kodagu	8,818	2,531	6,287
Dakshina Kannada	4,061	211	3,850
Belagavi	3,066	1,477	1,589
Udupi	1,906	120	1,486
Hassan	1,880	5	1,875
Mysuru	1,681	237	1,444
Chamarajanagar	1,597	175	1,125
Total	1,68,152	14,836	1,52,719

Source: Forest dept | Decimals rounded off | Photo for representation



ment has reclaimed only 4% (3,026 acres). Chikkamagaluru has the second highest extent of encroachment at over 31,000 acres and only 17% (5,480 acres) has been cleared. Uttara Kannada has over 29,000 acres under encroachment, and only 5.3% (1,573 acres) has been recovered.

Sahadev Shivapura, a conservation activist from Chikkamagaluru, said: "It is good that some minister has at last set his eyes on clearing encroachments. But will he walk the

talk when the gov't is hell-bent on implementing the Sharavathi pump storage project in the ESZ vicinity of Sharavathi Lion Tailed Macaque wildlife sanctuary? Will he oppose the tunnelling project through the Western Ghats? Why has he not spoken so far anything against the widening of roads in the sensitive region? If he is keen on protecting the biological hotspot, let him implement the 'Migration Rule' banning non-Kannadigas from buying land

with an intent of real estate."

BG Hosmath, former principal chief conservator of forests, said: "If the gov't is so conscious of safeguarding the ghats, why did they declare in 2014 that those with less than three acres of forest encroachment be regularised? When the gov't is not proactive in ensuring final notification on Nagarahole and Kali tiger reserves, do you think this exercise will free all lands under encroachment in Western Ghats?"

GOVT TO DISCUSS KASTURIRANGAN REPORT AND TAKE A CALL

Close on the heels of the Centre publishing the sixth draft notification on ecological sensitive area (ESA) around Western Ghats, Khandre said: "Karnataka has adopted a resolution to reject the recommendations of the Kasturirangan report. However, following the latest notification by MoEF&CC, we will hold another round of discussions with the chief minister and place them before the cabinet."

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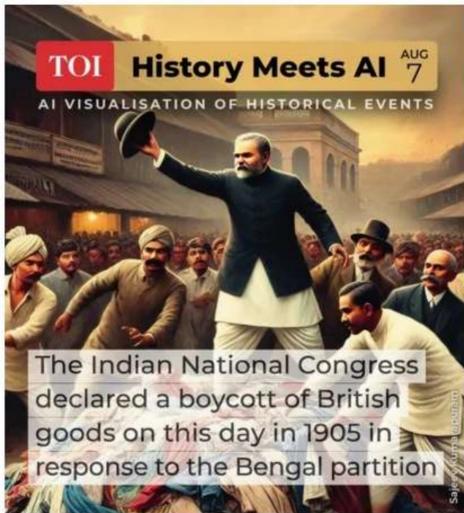
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NEET paper leak: Man held in Odisha

CBI has arrested one more person Susanta Samanta in connection with the NEET-UG paper leak case. Samanta was arrested from Bhubaneswar and produced before a court in Patna, which remanded him in five-day CBI custody on Tuesday. He is the fifth person to be arrested. His custodial questioning is expected to give CBI a clearer picture on his role in the paper leak. "It will also be ascertained if Samanta has partners who helped him in the crime. His interrogation may reveal the tentacles of paper leak spread across eastern India," a CBI officer said.

2 killed, 8 injured in Nagpur boiler blast

Two workers died and eight others were critically injured in a boiler blast at a concrete block manufacturing unit in Nagpur's Mouda town early on Tuesday, reports Soumitra Bose. The blast, which reportedly killed farm animals in adjoining areas, sent ripples in nearby Jhullar village, resulting in villagers waking up with a start and rushing to the autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) blocks manufacturing unit where 22 workers were doing their shift. Police have booked three partners of the manufacturing unit — for alleged industrial safety lapses.

Wayanad tragedy: Postman for 33yrs now left with no post office

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Meppadi (Wayanad): Other than Velayudhan PT (62), no other person would have visited all the houses of the now-lost village of Mundakkai in Kerala's Wayanad. The sexagenarian — who has been the postman here for 33 years and has three more years of service left — on Tuesday visited the village for the first time after the tragedy to find no trace of the post office he had been working at for three decades.

A native of Pattambi in Kerala's Palakkad district, Velayudhan arrived at Mundakkai at the age of 29 after being instated as the postman in the village, that now bears no trace of the houses he would deliver letters to, or the narrow streets and walkways he would traverse. "The post office is gone; there are no houses left for me to deliver letters, except a few that now lie abandoned. The chances of the post office



Velayudhan's residence in Mundakkai village, which was flattened without a trace in the landslide

being re-established here are slim. Moreover, we cannot say now where the new promised township to rehabilitate the victims will be set up," said Velayudhan. Following his appointment at

Mundakkai, Velayudhan said his life became intertwined with those of the villagers. "After coming here, I became one among the people of the land and settled down at Choralimala, where I built a house 13 years ago. We shared close bonds with the villagers and many of them would visit our house during festivals and invite us to theirs. It was heart-wrenching to learn that the people with whom we closely interacted for decades, have died in masses," he said.

Velayudhan said he hadn't visited Mundakkai in the past six days as he was unable to bear the sight there. "There are not many things left standing. I too, am on an equal footing as the house which I had built after years of toil is gone without a trace, though our lives have been spared," he said. Velayudhan's wife is the postmaster of Vellarmala post office on retirement vacancy. The family had a narrow escape as they managed to run out of their house seeing the rubble flow rippling through the neighbourhood.

Sufi shrines body welcomes proposed changes to Waqf Act

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: At odds with the position of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC) — an apex body representing sufi shrines from across country led by Syed Naseruddin Chishty from Ajmer dargah — welcomed govt's proposal to amend Waqf Act. Chishty alleged that waqf boards work in a "dictatorial" manner and cited dargahs as one of the biggest "victims" of mismanagement and corruption eating into waqf system.

Citing that sufi traditions are not recognised under the current law, Chishty who is AISSC chairman has raised demand for a separate dargah board under the law. Representatives of prominent dargahs including Delhi's Nizamuddin Auliya and Agra's Fatehpur Sikri and representatives of sufi shrines from Rajasthan, Hyderabad and Karnataka were present at a press conference in Delhi. They highlighted that smaller dargahs are often slapped with notices resulting in endless legal battles. Chishty shared that there are about 2,000 dargahs including small ones across country and around 800 prominent ones are associated with the council. AISSC representatives, met National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and minority affairs minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday. Chishty said they were assured that "all stakeholders will be in the interest of Muslims." Rijiju in a post on X described the interaction with AISSC representatives as a "fruitful and forward looking discussion" and highlighted that they praised the efforts of PM Narendra Modi-led govt towards welfare of minorities.

Apex court presumes to be more 'supreme', says Punjab HC judge

SC Takes Suo Motu Cognisance Of 'Judicial Indiscipline'

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New Delhi: Taking serious note of "judicial indiscipline" of Punjab and Haryana high court judge Rajbir Sherawat by showing defiance towards a Supreme Court order, CJI D Y Chandrachud and four senior judges decided to form a bench on Wednesday to decide the future course of action in regard to the HC judge's July 17 order. Justice Sherawat had remarked in his order: "A tendency to presume the Supreme

Court to be more 'Supreme' than it actually is and to presume a high court to be less 'High' than it constitutionally is." The bench of CJI Chandrachud, and Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai, Surya Kant and Hrishikesh Roy will tackle Justice Sherawat's order, who had reluctantly adjourned a contempt proceeding initiated by him because of SC's stay. Sherawat had said, "But this (adjourning a case because of SC order) may not be always possible for a HC to follow such a course in view of particular facts and circumstances embedded in a particular case or because of involvement of some statutory provisions. That would be an unfortunate situation, which would better be avoided."

Justice Sherawat had gone on to propagate that contempt proceedings initiated by a single-judge HC bench had to be appealed before the division bench of the HC and that the role of the SC would arise only when the contempt, whose conviction is upheld by the division bench, files appeal in the apex court. It is an elementary fact that the SC has overarching jurisdiction over any matter before any court, including HCs, and on any subject whether pending in any court or not. "The SC may have power to

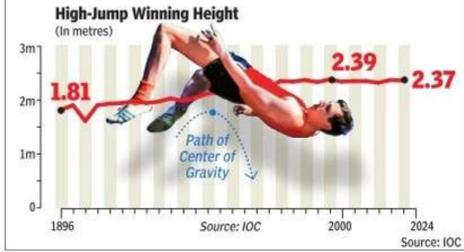
permit special appeal by a 'party' to contempt proceedings before the High Court, against certain types of orders of Contempt Court under certain circumstances, however, in the present case neither there are any such circumstances, nor has any such special appeal been filed by the respondents against any such order of the Contempt Court. Hence, in the given circumstances, the order of the Supreme Court turns out to be simply in the nature of putting an estoppel on the powers of the High Court exercisable under Article 215 of the Constitution of India and under the Contempt of Courts Act," he added.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Abul Thakur

THE FLOP THAT WAS A HIT

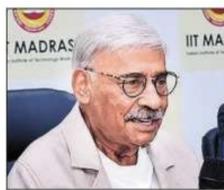
In the 1968 Mexico Olympics, a 21-year-old civil engineering student from America's Oregon State University, wearing mismatched shoes, changed the high jump forever. The backward jump, which is called the Fosbury Flop after Dick Fosbury, became possible because of better cushioning of the landing area. Fosbury won a gold medal with the flop, and this is the most used technique now. Fosbury continued his engineering career and never returned to the Olympics



Alumnus gifts IIT-M ₹228 crore

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Krishna Chivukula, an alumnus of IIT-Madras and founder of Indo MIM Technology Private Limited, donated Rs 228 crore to his alma mater. This will be used to give fellowships to top B-Tech students, eminent sports persons, foreign students, faculty members who do high-risk research, and to bring out a magazine, IIT-M said.



Krishna Chivukula

The institute on Tuesday named an academic block after Krishna Chivukula, who got an M-Tech in aerospace engineering from IIT-M in 1970. "This is one of the largest donations ever made to IIT Madras. We will launch Krishna Chivukula fellows programme to reward top B-Tech students in all branches," V Kamakoti, director

of IIT-Madras, said. Chivukula, who also has an MBA from Harvard Business School (1980), was group president and CEO at the Hoffman Group of Companies in New York before he set up his own firm. He founded two firms in succession — Shiva Technologies Inc in 1990 in Syracuse, New York, specializing in advanced mass spectroscopy to certify ultra-high purity materials, and Indo MIM in Bengaluru, to produce small metal and ceramic components with complex geometries in high volumes. Most aircraft carry metals produced by Krishna Chivukula's company, Kamakoti said.

"I am hoping this will ignite a spark and culture of giving to our own country and our own people. I am lighting a bigger fire (donation) to make a difference," Krishna said. He said his B-Tech at IIT-Bombay and M-Tech at IIT-Madras helped him get into Harvard University and become a successful person. "We will support sportsmen under the Krishna Chivukula sports fellowship programme. The fund will also be used to support students from developing countries, including African countries and Saarc countries," Kamakoti said.

Comprehend NEP, statute before doing petty politics: Pradhan to Cong

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan refuted the allegation that the Preamble to the Constitution has been removed from NCERT textbooks, calling it baseless. He accused Congress of engaging in the "politics of lies" and claimed that their actions demonstrate a disgusting mentality.

Pradhan asserted that Congress has consistently opposed India's development and education system, and urged those who criticise Indian education system to seek the truth before spreading misinformation. NCERT has made changes to its curriculum for current academic year, removing the Preamble to the Constitution from some Class 3 & 6 textbooks across subjects. The Preamble, which previously served as an introduction to core values of the Constitution, has been excluded from textbooks for Hindi, English, Mathematics, and "World Around Us" in Class 3, as well as from new English textbook and Sanskrit textbook in Class 6. However, the Preamble remains in Hindi textbook and science textbook.

Ranjana Arora, head of the department of curriculum studies and development at NCERT, clarified that the allegation was untrue. She said, "The allegation has no basis. For the first time, under National Education Policy, NCERT has given due importance and respect to various aspects of the Constitution, Preamble, fundamental duties, fundamental rights, national anthem, in textbooks." Pradhan argued that Congress's understanding of the Constitution is exposed by their belief that only the Preamble reflects constitutional values.

17-yr-old girl saves dad from gang of 8, wrestles axe from attacker

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Raipur: A 17-year-old tribal girl fought off a band of eight armed men to save her father from a murder bid in a village in Maoist-affected Naryanpur district of Chhattisgarh's Bastar division on Monday night. Somdhar Koram was attacked in Jharaogaon, around 35km from Narayanpur district headquarters. While the family believes it was a Maoist attack, police, however, deny the claim.

There were eight of them. They banged on the door and demanded to see my father. I looked out of the window and saw they were masked, were carrying axes. Two of them had guns. I couldn't identify any of them as people from Jharaogaon, the girl said

to return," said the girl, who dropped out of school after class 7. The girl informed her family about the suspicious looking men, but they felt they had no reason to fear an imminent threat. "I returned after a while to serve him dinner and was shocked to see that the masked men had surrounded my father... One of the men lifted his axe and brought it down on my father's chest. I snatched the axe from him, hurled it away, and stood shielding my father. I screamed at the masked men to stay away from him," the 17-year-old said. Hearing her screams, neighbours rushed out of their homes. Finding themselves outnumbered, the attackers

fled. Somdhar was taken to Jagdalpur, 120km away, in an ambulance. His condition is stable, say doctors. "My father is a simple farmer and we had never been threatened earlier," the girl said. Naryanpur SP Prabhakar Singh said police have begun investigating the murder bid. "We have found that Somdhar had a quarrel with his extended family members over land issues two days back. We are probing all possible angles. The involvement of Naxals needs to be verified as the attack doesn't match their modus operandi. There were no threats earlier, and Maoists often attack to kill and never leave their target injured," SP Singh told TOI.

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Sweet Revenge

Meet the people who reversed their diabetes

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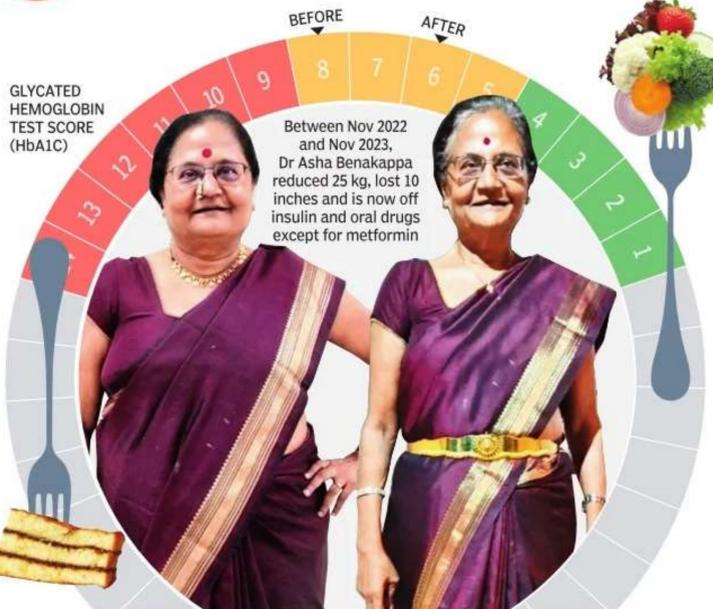
Nine months ago, Bengaluru-based HR professional Mita Hemant got the news that she could stop taking her diabetes medication. "My HbA1C has dropped from 9.1% when I was first diagnosed with diabetes in 2013 to 6.1, which is in the normal range. I feel much more energetic," says the 60-year-old who used a combination of exercise, diet and stress control.

A glycated hemoglobin (HbA1C) test, also known as A1C test, measures the percentage of hemoglobin proteins in your blood that are glycated, or bound to glucose. The higher the percentage, the higher your blood sugar levels.

Like Mita, many people, particularly those who have recently developed type 2 diabetes, have achieved diabetes remission. Doctors have been talking about diabetes remission since the 1960s and there have been scientific papers on it. However, with the uptick in diabetes cases in India — over 100 million — there has been renewed impetus to remission programmes. "Remission is a clinical state where blood glucose levels have remained within the normal, non-diabetic range for three months or more without the use of glucose-lowering medication," says Chennai-based senior diabetologist Dr V Mohan. "It's important to note that remission doesn't mean cure. There's still a chance of high blood glucose levels returning, and it is important to ensure a healthy lifestyle," he adds. In the remission state, however, the risk of complications such as heart attacks or kidney failure is low compared to a person with diabetes.

Mita says it took a lot of willpower and dedication. She signed up for a year-long online diabetes reversal programme offered by Gurgaon-based startup Breathe Well-being. Its CEO Rohan Verma says the online programme targets insulin resistance through customised diet protocols, exercise and stress reduction. "Apart from weekly one-on-one health coaching, fitness classes and monthly sessions with diabetologists, it uses game design and cognitive behavioural therapy to form healthy habits," he adds. There are also interactions with 'champions' who have already achieved remission.

For Dr Asha Benakappa, the diabetes diagnosis at 37 was a shock. She had been a sportsperson all her life — swimming, playing softball and had even been part of the Karnataka women's cricket team. "I was shocked at the accidental diagnosis as I had no symptoms," says Dr



WHAT IS REMISSION?

Type 2 diabetes remission is when your blood sugar levels return to a safe, non-diabetic level for at least three months, without the need for glucose-lowering medication. When you are in remission, the symptoms of your diabetes are on pause, so there is no new damage

WHO SHOULD ATTEMPT IT?

Doctors say ideally those who are obese and have been recently diagnosed with diabetes. It's far more difficult for those who have had it long-term, and it might even be risky to attempt reversal

WHAT WORKS?

A study published in the journal 'BMJ Nutrition, Prevention and Health' found that over half of those who went on a low-carb diet were able to achieve remission. This should be combined with exercise

Benakappa, now 66 and heading the paediatrics department at CDSIMER, Bengaluru.

Soon after diagnosis, she was first put on oral drugs and then insulin, which rose from five units to 60. She had a blood disorder and every insulin prick led to bleeding and hematomas. "Being diabetic means they stick a label to your forehead, saying it's your karma.

There's too much negativity around the disease. I went to 6-7 doctors, and nobody asked me about diet, sleep, physical activities or my mental health. The solutions were only to treat sugar levels and yet, my HbA1C levels were shooting up. I went through bouts of depression and even had suicidal thoughts. As a doctor, I was desperate for a solution," she recalls.

A fellow doctor put her in touch with endocrinologist Dr Roshani Sanghani of Reisaan Health, a lifestyle-first practice which offers a diabetes remission programme. "They give you agency and show you how to manage your symptoms," says Dr Benakappa. There is a personal health coach and a mobile app which needs to be fed with details like workouts and sleep patterns.

It is about eating right, says Dr Benakappa who cut carbs, prioritised proteins and stopped fearing fat. At the end of one year, she has reduced 25 kg, lost 10 inches off her waist and is off insulin and oral drugs except for metformin. "My latest HbA1C is 5.6. My grade 3 fatty liver is almost gone. I have overcome depression, my sleep has improved remarkably, and I am going strong on muscle resistance exercise," she says.

How expensive is remission therapy, and is it sustainable? Dr Sanghani says uncontrolled diabetes can prove to be more expensive. "It puts the low-income group of people further into poverty, especially in India. You might spend more money on higher quality nutrition to get enough protein and healthy fats but would save money on extra medications, organ damage, hospitalisations, and repeated medical investigations and consultations," she says.

Milind Kher, CEO of a training company called HQ, is another of Dr Sanghani's patients.

"I was put on a zero-carb keto diet (eggs in the morning and keema at noon) and high intensity interval training. My HbA1C level is down to 4.7. Soon, I'll be off metformin and be completely medicine-free

Milind Kher, CEO, HQ

Diagnosed in 2013, Kher used to be on SGLT2 inhibitor medicines till February. "I was put on a strictly keto diet with zero carbs. I used to just eat twice a day: three fried eggs in the morning and keema in the afternoon. And I did high intensity interval training. My HbA1C levels got down to 4.7 and I don't need SGLT2 inhibitors anymore. Soon, I'll be off metformin and be completely medicine-free," says Kher who did a four-month remission programme that ended in May. He is now a firm believer in lifestyle changes. No medicine can help in the long run; it's only lifestyle changes, diet and exercise that keeps your diabetes at bay, he says.

Most doctors recommend a diet that is low on carbs and high on fibre as well as regular exercise to prevent or at least delay diabetes. "But if you can't stop diabetes, remission is an option," says Hyderabad-based endocrinologist Dr Rakesh Sahay, who is also president of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India.

LATEST IN HEALTH RESEARCH

Don't drink before your plane nap

A glass of wine before you settle for your nap on the plane isn't such a good idea, according to new research. Airplane cabins are pressurised, meaning the air pressure and oxygen levels are lower than what most people experience on Earth. Combine that with alcohol consumption and sleep, and it's more likely a person will experience an intensified drop in oxygen saturation in their blood, according to a study published in the journal 'Thorax'.

Think twice about tattoos

Getting a tattoo increases a person's risk of developing malignant lymphoma (a blood cancer of the lymphatic system) by 21%, says a new study by researchers from Lund University, Sweden. But more tattoos don't increase the risk. Tattoo ink has been previously known to be potentially carcinogenic and pigment from tattoos ultimately ends up in the lymph nodes. However, the study did say that more research is needed.

Shock that's good for the heart

Researchers in Austria have used a device called a 'space hairdryer' to regenerate damaged heart tissue through a 10-minute mild soundwaves procedure on patients right after a bypass surgery. The study, published in the 'European Heart Journal', found those administered with the 'shockwaves' reported a higher quality of life. Not just that, their heart could pump more blood and they could walk further than before without resting. This treatment has earlier been used to treat injured ligaments, tendons, and even erectile dysfunction.

TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH

Lost teeth? New drug may help them regrow

When you're young, losing a tooth is a crucial step in one's development but as an adult, it's far less desirable. It requires expensive dental alternatives like implants or dentures, but that may change soon.

In a jaw-dropping first, a Japanese startup is set to launch human trials to test a drug that could regrow teeth. Toregem Biopharma, the startup associated with Kyoto University which has created the treatment, aims to bring it to market in 2030. It's aimed at patients who are missing some or all of their teeth from birth due to a condition known as congenital anodontia, which occurs in about 0.1% of the general population, as well as those who have lost their teeth later in life.

The drug contains antibodies that target a protein, known as uterine sensitisation-associated gene-1

(USAG-1), which prevents tooth growth. When tested on mice back in 2018, it caused new teeth to form, stimulating the development of tooth buds in their jaws. Most people already have tooth buds, which have the potential to create new teeth. Typically, these buds do not develop and then disappear, Japan Times reports. In another trial on ferrets, who also have permanent and temporary teeth like humans do, it stimulated the growth of new teeth without any serious side effects.

Typically, those who have lost teeth or have congenital anodontia get implants or dentures, with no current treatment addressing the problem itself. "We want to make this a third option," Toregem co-founder Katsu Takahashi, whose research

The way forward was to ask the liver itself, but it was a risky procedure given Mahin's frail condition. Referred to our Liver Institute in Kochi for specialised care, we meticulously reviewed his medical records, searching for overlooked clues that might illuminate the path forward. Amidst the labyrinth of tests, one detail stood out — Mahin's persistently elevated platelet count, a puzzling observation that seemed detached from his primary liver condition.

Could there be an underlying autoimmune disorder, masquerading as liver dysfunction? Such conditions often defy conventional diagnostic pathways. But tests for classical autoimmune hepatitis and its rare variant, IgG4 disease, yielded negative results. Under extreme caution, Mahin's liver biopsy was completed and we found something we could not describe. Not yet. A type of white blood cell called lymphocyte were non-specifically, but surprisingly, increased inside Mahin's liver. There was something outside the liver in Mahin's body trying to kill it but we still had no answers.

In the quiet hours at home, anxious thoughts about Mahin lingered. It was during one such late-night reflection that a faint glimmer of insight emerged. The link between stroke and elevated platelets, though typically overlooked in the context of liver disease, now assumed a haunting significance in Mahin's case. Could something sinister be happening inside the blood hold the key to unravelling



Mahin had a persistently elevated platelet count, which seemed detached from his liver condition, something we could not describe

the mystery of his failing liver?

I got back to re-examining the CT scan, which revealed conspicuous enlargement of his liver and spleen, alongside mild swelling of multiple abdominal lymph nodes. But these were non-specific findings, my colleagues pointed out. Yet, the findings haunted me. Turning our focus to the bone marrow and lymph nodes, we discovered a troubling pattern. Further biopsies and examination under the microscope revealed that the same clusters of lymphocytes had infiltrated these tissues too. This unexpected finding pointed toward a more insidious culprit — a systemic disorder with implications

far beyond the confines of the liver.

With this revelation, the puzzle pieces began to align — the persistent elevation of his platelet count, subtle signs of systemic involvement seen on imaging, and the enigmatic lymphocyte infiltration observed in his biopsied tissues. With these newfound insights, the pathologist employed specialised staining to find that Mahin harboured a rare blood cancer known as marginal zone lymphoma, originating in his spleen and bone marrow but stealthily infiltrating his liver and disrupting its delicate function.

We finally had a diagnosis. A recent stroke and current liver damage both brought on by an evolving lymphoma — the brain, blood and liver intricately connected. Under the oncology team, he commenced treatment with Rituximab — a targeted therapy designed to selectively destroy CD20-positive cancer cells. Mahin's jaundice began to recede, offering a glimmer of hope for his family. "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together," Vincent Van Gogh had famously said. In retrospect, Mahin's story stands not only as a testament to the complexities of medical diagnosis but also as a poignant reminder of the transformative power of persistence, empathy, and interdisciplinary collaboration in the realm of modern medicine.

Dr Phillips is senior consultant and physician-scientist at The Liver Institute, Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva, Kochi

Jaundice case, but the diagnosis turned out to be a surprising one

Cyriac Abby Phillips

In the chaotic confines of my outpatient clinic, I first encountered Mahin, a 54-year-old who radiated a quiet strength despite his fragile appearance. He suffered a recent brain stroke and was on low-dose aspirin. Beside him stood his two sons, their concern palpable while Mahin's eyes, a deep shade of yellow, spoke volumes on the battles he was facing.

It was immediately clear that this was no ordinary case of jaundice. Mahin's journey had taken him through a maze of hospitals, each visit adding to the confusion rather than unravelling the mystery of his deteriorating liver-health. His jaundice, marked by blood bilirubin levels soaring far beyond the normal range, painted a grim picture of a liver under siege. Just two weeks ago, he had been celebrating with his family; now, he sat before me, his strength waning, his appetite fading, and with telltale signs of liver dysfunction.

Initial tests hinted at acute hepatitis — a sudden inflammation within the liver — but Mahin's case was anything but typical. He exhibited no fever or signs of infection, and his medical history and investigations ruled out common causes such as viral, bacterial and parasitic infections that can hurt the liver, as well as alcohol use or liver-toxic medications. This baffling scenario left doctors and his family caught between hope for a diagnosis, the dread of what it might reveal, and dying from the unknown.

the drug is based on, told Nikkei.

The journey of the startup is actually inspired by the company president Honoka Kiso's own journey. She wrote on their website about how she lost her teeth as a teen because of a bone disorder. "I wanted to study the cause of my illness and how to regenerate lost teeth. Toregem Biopharma first hopes to treat patients with congenital tooth loss who do not grow permanent tooth buds due to genetic causes. Our final goal is to offer advanced and scientifically driven clinical solutions for the growth of teeth derived from their own tissues," she said.

They are now starting clinical trials, the first step of which is to administer the treatment to 30 healthy men starting September. The idea is to test

drug safety on a set of people who are unlikely to grow new teeth even if the drug works, Nikkei reports.

Then, phase 2 trials will begin in 2025, assuming all goes well. These trials would specifically test patients aged 2 to 7 with congenital anodontia. They will be injected with one dose to spur tooth growth. The startup plans to price it at 1.5 million yen (Rs 8 lakh), and hope that it will eventually be covered by health insurance. A third trial will focus on older adults who have lost their teeth due to environmental factors like cavities.

"Missing teeth in a child can affect the development of their jaw bone," Takahashi, who is also head of dentistry and oral surgery at Kitano Hospital in Osaka, told Japan Times. "We hope the drug will serve as a key to solving those problems," he said.

Household chores can be a workout too

Did you know that jhadoo-pocha can burn as many calories as a leisurely bicycle ride? Not only does it explain the mystery of how our mothers stayed trim despite never having gone to the gym, but also why staying active in the house is a good idea



Calories burnt in 30 mins based on body weight

Exercise	Calories burnt in 30 mins based on body weight		
	57-59 kg	70 kg	80 kg
Running	236	282	323
Swimming	177	211	242
Bicycling (19-22 km/hr)	236	282	323
Walking Brisk (6.4 km/hr)	118	140	162
Slow (3.2 km/hr)	74	88	101

Household chores/activities

Household chores/activities	Calories burnt in 30 mins based on body weight		
	57-59 kg	70 kg	80 kg
Moving furniture	170	211	236
Gardening	135	162	177
Sweeping	118	141	162
Mopping	114	141	157
Washing clothes by hand	85	106	118
Cooking	57	70	79

Sources: Dr RM Anjana, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai, and Harvard Health
Note: Calories burnt for any activity varies with body weight. Calorie burn also depends on metabolic rate. Indians have 10% lower BMR than western counterparts



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Rasgulla (per piece)	CALORIES	Ice cream Vanilla (66gms)
120	130-150	
2gms	PROTEIN	1gm
1.5gms	FATS	7-8gms
20gms	CARBS	17-20gms
20gms	SUGAR	14-16gms
100mg	CALCIUM	80mg

This chart compares the nutritional value of two popular sweet treats — vanilla ice cream and rasgulla. One serving of plain vanilla ice cream can be more calorie dense than rasgulla, especially if garnished with more ingredients. It's high on fat and sugar, with additives and preservatives. But rasgulla, our traditional Indian dessert, is made of Indian cottage cheese or chhena, which provides some protein and calcium as well. Besides, the sweet is not fried but boiled in thin sugar syrup, so it's got less calories and fat. And we always squeeze out the syrup before popping it into our mouth, which saves some more calories.

Source: Ritika Samadhar, chief clinical nutritionist, Max Healthcare

ASK THE DOCTOR

'Yes, men too can have breast cancer'

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in India, with 2 lakh new cases diagnosed annually. Despite mammography recommendations every two years for women above 40 to ensure early detection, many are sceptical of the screening test. **Durgesh Nandan Jha** speaks to **Dr Raghu Ram Pillarisetti**, founding director of KIMS-Ushalakshmi Centre for Breast Diseases in Hyderabad, who puts the facts right.

What can a woman do to minimise risks?

In India, most breast cancers present between ages 40 and 50. A healthy diet, regular exercise (30 minutes daily), avoiding tobacco, drinking alcohol in moderation are ways to reduce the risks. One can't really prevent breast cancer, so women of all ages must be 'breast aware' and report any new changes (sudden change in size or lumps, inverted nipples, rashes, swelling near armpit) to the specialist without delay.

How is breast cancer diagnosed?

It's through a process called triple assessment that includes breast examination, breast imaging (mammogram or X-Ray of the breasts and breast ultrasound scan), and needle biopsy of the detected lump. Triple assessment accurately excludes or confirms breast cancer, sparing the need for open surgery for diagnosis.



Dr Raghu Ram Pillarisetti
Director, KIMS-Ushalakshmi Centre for Breast Diseases

Doesn't mammography have its own risks?

Women shy away from a mammogram due to lack of awareness; radiation fears, even though the amount of radiation is lesser than a chest X-Ray; and worry of a painful procedure. A trained radiographer would ensure there's only a momentary discomfort. Mammography is proven to be an effective way of detecting breast cancer very early (when the lump cannot be felt). Early detection saves lives and ensures more women can undergo breast conservation surgery rather than mastectomy (removal of the breast).

Can men get breast cancer?

Yes. I have treated several men between 40 and 70 with breast cancers during my practice in UK and India. About 1% of breast cancers occur in men. India has no statistics but in the US, some 2,800 new cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in men each year (400 in UK). There is not much fat in the male breast, so the cancer can spread faster to the lungs, liver, bones and brain. Lack of awareness means male breast cancer is almost always diagnosed in the advanced stage.

IMA chief has to publish apology to 'purge himself of contempt': SC

New Delhi: After Patanjali Ayurved's founders Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balakrishna, who had to publish a public apology for contempt of court on a plea by Indian Medical Association, it is now turn of IMA chief to seek apology and get it published in prominent newspaper for making disparaging remarks against the court.

A bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Sandeep Mehta said that IMA president Dr R V Asokan had to publish an apology for his statements criticising court proceedings and that he had to bear the cost of publication and it cannot be funded from IMA. "It is submitted that the contempt proceedings may be deferred to enable the applicant to publish his apology in prominent newspapers and purge himself of the contempt," the court said.

The bench had, on earlier hearing, told the association to put its house in order. "The petitioner (IMA) needs to put its own house in order regarding alleged unethical acts of the petitioner organisation where medicines are prescribed which are expensive and unnecessary. Whenever there is a misuse of the position by the petitioner association to prescribe expensive medicines and the line of treatment needs closer examination," the court had said. **TNN**

Agra-Gwalior NH project: SC seeks committee's view

New Delhi: Within days of the Union Cabinet clearing the greenfield six-lane high-speed access-controlled Agra-Gwalior National Highway at a project cost of Rs 4,613 crore, the National Highway Authority moved the Supreme Court seeking permission to cut 805 trees in Taj Trapezium Zone.

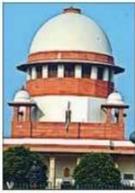
Having witnessed the SC's heat over the cutting of trees on south Delhi ridge area for constructing a road, the NHAI through additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati informed a bench of Justices A S Oka and Augustine G Masih that NHAI was committed to sustainable development and would plant trees all along the 88-km high-speed corridor and in the median of the project.

The bench referred the application for examination by the central empowered committee and sought its report on the NHAI's application. **TNN**

Top court entrusts Gokarna temple admin with judges

Opposing Groups Had Created Admin Impasse: Report

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The Gokarna Mahabaleshwara temple, where the principal deity is an 'atma linga' believed to be one-of-its-kind in the world, was at the centre of inter-group rivalry, which had led to the SC appointing an eight-member committee

New Delhi: Supreme Court has entrusted the administration of an ancient and unique Shiva temple in Gokarna, in Karwar district of Karnataka, to former apex court judge B N Srikrishna and the district judge, virtually resulting in the judiciary overseeing management of the temple as opposing groups had created an impasse.

The Gokarna Mahabaleshwara temple, where the principal deity is an 'atma linga' believed to be one-of-its-kind in the world, was at the centre of inter-group rivalry, which had led to the SC appointing an eight-member committee headed by Justice Srikrishna and including deputy commissioner of the district, assistant commissioner of the taluka, SP of the district and four private persons nominated by Karnataka govt.

Recently, Justice Srikrishna reported to the SC that in the absence of veto power, other members were not allowing the committee to reach a consensus and this stymied the panel's efforts to oversee administration of the eighth-century temple.

Accepting Justice Srikrishna's report, a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra inducted the Karwar district judge as vice-chairperson of the committee to aid and assist the chairperson. "It will be open for the chairperson to authorise him to take emergent decisions with the concurrence of the chairperson," the bench said.

While giving Justice Srikrishna veto power and relegating the other seven members to mere advisory positions, the bench said, "The chairperson shall have a casting vote in the affairs of the committee. All members of the committee other than the chairperson or the vice-chairperson shall perform advisory roles and shall not have a veto over decisions which are taken by the chairperson and

the vice-chairperson. "In taking all appropriate decisions in the interest of the affairs of the trust and the temple, the chairperson and the vice-chairperson shall have due regard to age-old customs and traditions and will be at liberty to seek inputs from the upadivantas and any other eminent persons whom they may wish to consult."

The SC also permitted the Congress govt of Karnataka to replace the four private members in the committee, who were chosen by the earlier BJP govt, with new faces. "Above all, the parties must be mindful of the fact that Gokarna Mahabaleshwara temple is a temple of antiquity dating back to the eighth century and all steps for the proper conduct of worship and religious observances should be taken in accordance with traditions," the bench said.

Can trial courts order fixed-term life imprisonment? SC to decide

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New Delhi: After reducing instances of death penalty to a rarity through interpretative development of criminal jurisprudence, Supreme Court Tuesday proposed to examine trial courts' power to impose fixed-term life imprisonments to convicts in heinous crimes and whether this should be the jurisdiction of only Constitution courts.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and R Mahadevan dismissed an appeal by a life convict from Chhattisgarh but expressed surprise that the trial court had given 20 year-sentence. The bench opined that it was for Constitution courts, the SC and HC to do so.

Under the Criminal Procedure Code, now replaced by Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, a life convict can make an application to the state govt concerned for remission of the remaining part of life sentence after he/she has served 14 years. The

state is empowered to remit the sentence if it finds that the convict had exhibited good conduct during the imprisonment period and could be re-assimilated in the society.

Interestingly, in Feb, a bench entertained a petition filed by Chandrakant Jha, who had been sentenced to life imprisonment for two murders and given the death penalty for another. The petition challenged the power of Constitution courts to award such sentences, specifically questioning Delhi high court's decision to award him imprisonment for the rest of his life while commuting his capital punishment.

Jha's counsel Rishi Malhotra had argued that Constitution courts cannot take away the statutory rights of a convict to seek remission after serving 14 years jail term. Jha was awarded death penalty by trial court in 2013 for murdering a 19-year-old in 2007 and dumping his head-

less body near Tihar jail. On Apr 25 last year, a bench of Justices A S Oka and Sanjay Kumar in Ravinder Singh vs Govt of NCT of Delhi, had said, "With regard to special category sentencing to life imprisonment beyond 14 years by fixing a lengthier term would be available to HCs and the SC, even in cases where the maximum punishment permissible in law is duly imposed." However, the bench had clarified that such sentencing must be restricted to grave cases "where allowing the convict sentenced to life imprisonment to seek release after 14 years of imprisonment will be tantamount to trivialising the very punishment imposed on such convicts."

But in judgments through decades — Gopal Vinayak Godse (1961), Mar Ram (1981) and V Sriharan @ Murugan (2016) — Constitution benches of the SC have consistently ruled that life sentence is nothing less than life long imprisonment and would last till the last breath of the convict.

SC reserves verdict on Sisodia's bail

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on the bail plea of AAP leader Manish Sisodia in corruption and money laundering cases registered against him in connection with the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy of 2021-22.

Appearing before a bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Sisodia, said the politician should be granted bail as per the apex court's earlier order in which it was observed that if trial was delayed, then he could seek bail. Referring to the Oct 30 order by which SC had rejected Sisodia's bail plea but with the assurance that he would be free to file a fresh plea if the trial was not completed in 6-8 months, Singhvi said the trial was yet to begin.

Additional solicitor general SV Raju, appearing for CBI and ED, however, blamed Sisodia for the delay in trial, saying the AAP leader had filed multiple applications in the trial court. **TNN**

MP HC raps official for transferring doc a second time

Bhopal/Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh HC has imposed a cost of Rs 25,000 on the director of medical education (DME), and asked him to pay it from his pocket, in response to a petition filed by a doctor that she was transferred for a second time despite the terms of her service clearly specifying that she would not be transferred out of NSC Bose Medical College, Ja-

balpur. Along with imposing the cost, HC cancelled the doctor's transfer and ordered that the DME's conduct be marked in his service record. The doctor, Mayura Satia, had been transferred earlier as well, and HC had cancelled it in the light of the terms and conditions of her service, as specified in her appointment order.

Appearing for the petiti-

oner, advocate Sanjay Verma said that Dr Satia was appointed as a demonstrator at the medical college in 2017. In May 2018, she was promoted to the post of assistant professor and associate professor in Nov 2022. Clause 12 of her service conditions clearly says that her services are not transferable. Still, she has been transferred to Seoni govt medical college. **TNN**

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FORM No. STK --6
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public Notice: ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2024-25/569 Date: -16/07/2024

Reference:

(1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (13) companies in the state of Karnataka under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S No.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	R82990417	U74210KA1960PLC001379	TUNGBADRA STEEL PRODUCTS LIMITED
2	AA8697721	U86100KA2023PTC177387	GENWORKS HEALTH SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AA9221314	U67200KA2022PTC165445	UNIVISION FINSERV PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AA9192576	U65990KA2022PTC157968	VORTEX CALLUS INVESTMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AA8679927	U23209KA2021PTC151067	TROPOZONE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
6	AA8652798	U37100KA2021PTC147481	GODHATU SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
7	AA8586127	U24299KA2020PTC138033	BHISHAJ HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED
8	AA8872602	U15549KA2020PTC141366	GREAT INDIAN NUT ENTERPRISE PRIVATE LIMITED
9	AA8711241	U52601KA2020PTC135819	B.S.K.Z. METALS LIMITED
10	AA8403116	U72900KA2019OCP128240	CONCILIUM TECHNOLOGIES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
11	AA8827314	U72900KA2017PTC100777	KARV DESIGN SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
12	AA8796880	U15138KA2016PTC095646	INVENMI INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
13	AA9158933	U52339KA2010PTC052902	DELYVER RETAIL NETWORK PRIVATE LIMITED

(2) Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A / have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under subsection (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Harishara Sahoo
Registrar

CBC 07123/11/0282/2425 Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

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RECRUITMENT OF TEACHING FACULTY (Minimum for 1 Yr upto 05 year)/ SUPER SPECIALISTS (1 Yr)/SENIOR RESIDENTS (3 Years), TUTOR (01 Year) ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN THROUGH WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Date of Interview:- 13.08.2024 & 14.08.2024* Mode of Walk in Interview:- OFFLINE
VENUE FOR WALK IN INTERVIEW:
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ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL, MIA, DESOOLA, ALWAR (RAJ)-301030

ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Alwar, Rajasthan proposes to fill up the posts of medical teaching faculty Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Super Specialists, Senior Residents and Tutor in the disciplines mentioned below on contractual basis through walk in interview. The details of vacancies and reservation position is as under:-

Speciality	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Senior Resident 3Yrs	Senior Resident against GDMO (3Yrs)	Tutor for 01 Year (Adv. No. 07/2024)
Anaesthesia	-	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	01-SC	01-UR	04(2-UR, 1-OBC, 1-ST)	-
Anatomy	-	01-UR	01-UR	02(1-UR, 1-SC)	-	4(2-UR, 1-ST, 1-OBC)
Biochemistry	-	-	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	01-UR	-	3(1-UR, 1-EWS, 1-SC)
Community Medicine	01-OBC	-	01-UR	03(1-UR, 1-SC, 1-OBC)	-	2(1-UR, 1-SC)
Dentistry	-	1-SC	-	-	-	-
Dermatology	-	1-UR	01-ST	01-OBC	-	-
Emergency Medicine	01-OBC	1-OBC	01-OBC	08(01-UR, 03-OBC, 2-SC, 1-ST, 1-EWS)	-	-
ENT	01-OBC	1-ST	01-OBC	-	01-SC	-
Forensic Medicine	-	1-EWS	01-SC	02(1-UR, 1-SC)	-	2(1-OBC, 1-UR)
General Medicine	01-UR	03(2-UR, 01-OBC)	02(1-OBC, 1-SC)	03(1-UR, 1-OBC, 1-ST)	01-UR	-
General Surgery	01-OBC	02(1-UR, 01-OBC)	03(1-UR, 1-SC, 1-EWS)	03(1-UR, 1-EWS, 1-OBC)	01-OBC	-
Microbiology	-	01-UR	02(01-OBC, 1-SC)	02(1-UR, 1-SC)	-	4(2-UR, 1-SC, 1-OBC)
OBS & GYN.	-	01-UR	01-EWS	01-UR	01-UR	-
Ophthalmology	01-UR	01-OBC	-	-	01-UR	-
Orthopaedics	-	-	01-EWS	01-OBC	01-OBC	-
Paediatrics	01-EWS	01-UR	01-UR	01-SC	-	-
Pathology	-	01-OBC	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	-	-	4(3-UR, 1-OBC)
Pharmacology	-	-	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	02(1-OBC, 1-ST)	-	3(1-UR, 1-OBC, 1-SC)
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	01-ST	01-OBC	-	01-ST	-	-
Physiology	-	-	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	01-OBC	-	3(1-UR, 1-OBC, 1-EWS)
Psychiatry	-	01-UR	-	-	-	-
Radio-diagnosis	01-OBC	01-EWS	01-OBC	01-EWS	01-UR	-
Respiratory Medicine	-	-	-	-	02(1-OBC, 1-EWS)	-

Note:-
Super Specialist (Full Time / Part Time) vacancies are available in the Endocrinology (1-OBC), Gastroenterology (1-UR), Haematology (1-UR), Nephrology (1-SC), Neurology (1-OBC), Oncology (1-UR), Plastic Surgery/Burn (1- EWS) & Paediatrics Surgery(1-UR) departments.

Tenure and Remuneration:

- For Teaching faculty
 - a. Consolidate Remuneration Professor Rs. 2,18,700/-, Associate Professor Rs. 1,47,240/-, Assistant Professor Rs. 1,27,260/- will be paid. Emolument of Professors may be given to Associate Professor provided eligible to become Professor.
 - b. Consolidate Remuneration Senior Resident Rs. 1,27,260/-
 - c. Super Specialist Full Time (upto Rs. 2.4 lakh/-) and for Part Time (upto Rs. 1.5 lakh/-).
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• The engagement of contractual faculty on consolidated remuneration will be initially for a period of One year or joining of regular incumbent whichever is earlier. However, the contract would be terminable on one-month notice or on joining of regular faculty or attaining the age of 70 years whichever is earlier.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Year ended
		30.06.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024	30.06.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)		
1	Total income	8,411.88	7,275.47	31,924.90	10,447.63	9,142.05	39,250.56
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	782.91	610.36	2,780.66	738.53	626.53	2,702.92
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	782.91	610.36	2,780.66	738.53	626.53	2,702.92
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	577.32	467.67	2,083.00	484.82	441.47	1,778.54
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax))	561.80	440.50	2,063.26	455.12	393.67	1,725.07
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re. 1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	7,683.53	-	-	6,736.00
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	8,283.33	6,478.76	7,725.95	7,180.46	5,631.98	6,751.08
10	Outstanding Debt	864.46	2,275.32	1,027.61	22,736.70	21,086.89	22,930.82
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times)	0.1	0.4	0.1	3.2	3.7	3.4
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised)						
	(i) Basic (in Rs.)	12.15	9.84	43.84	9.70	9.14	35.50
	(ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	12.15	9.84	43.84	9.70	9.14	35.50
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debt Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	6.5	1.2	2.5	7.7	0.9	1.5
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	28.5	16.8	21.6	13.5	9.2	10.5
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	2.4	2.9	2.4
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	25.4	28.1	27.9	28.2	26.3	25.3
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	16.9	15.5	18.0	12.2	10.7	11.7
25	Operating Margin (%)	11.5	10.6	11.1	9.8	9.3	9.9
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	6.9	6.5	6.6	4.7	4.9	4.5

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvs-motor.com).
- Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

For TVS Motor Company Limited
Sd/-
Prof. Sir Ralf Dieter Speth
Chairman

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 06.08.2024

Action against me was example of misuse of agencies, claims Moitra

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra on Tuesday claimed that action against her was an example of misuse of the federal agencies and alleged that she was "victimised" at the behest of a businessman. "We agree with the finance minister on one thing: the budget for the CBI and ED has been reduced this year. Is it because voters did not like their misuse or is it because you have outsourced them completely to a businessman in Ahmedabad?" she questioned, while speaking in the Lok Sabha, over finance bill allocations.

Speaking about her case, the TMC leader claimed that a businessman tycoon from Ahmedabad threatened another businessman to file a fake affidavit against her. On this, Lok Sabha MP N K Premchandran demanded that the matter



Mahua Moitra Dubey

be referred to a privilege committee. To this, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey stood up and said he is the one who complained against Moitra to the Lokpal. "The case she is mentioning is my case related to the Lokpal. I have filed the complaint and the matter is sub judice, being investigated by the CBI and ED. Why is the person she is talking about not coming to India?" he asked.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

E-AUCTION NOTICE

Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh is going to hold E-auction in respect of Shops of Subway, Sector 17/22, Chandigarh by E-Auction on monthly rent basis.

Schedule for e-auction

Auction Publish Date	Document Submission / Payment		Document / Payment Approval Date		Bid Start Date	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
07.08.24	07.08.24	19.08.24	20.08.24	27.08.24	28.08.24	28.08.24
9.00 AM	10.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.00 AM	3.00 PM

Detail of Booths

Numbers of Booths/Shops	Booths/Shop Number	Area of Booths/shops in			Monthly rent
		(sft)	Sq.yd.	Sqm.	
09	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	105	11.67	9.76	Rs. 35,574/- P.M.

The detailed terms & conditions of e-auction including eligibility and earnest money deposit (EMD) can be downloaded from the website http://eauction.gov.in/2024_CH_148 Helpline: 0172-5021521

Joint Commissioner-III
Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh

CUTTACK MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Dated: 6/8/2024

Expression Of Interest (EOI)

Expression Of Interest for Selection of independent artists, art educational institutes, non-government organizations to undertake wall painting/street art, pertaining to Swachh cuttack, Sustha Cuttack under Swachh Survekshan 2024-2025.

Cuttack Municipal Corporation invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Bidder/Agency/Firms/Proprietor of National and International repute for "SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT ARTISTS, ART EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO UNDERTAKE WALL PAINTING/STREET ART, PERTAINING TO SWACHH CUTTACK, SUSTHA CUTTACK UNDER SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2024-2025". The EOI document will be available in the official website, www.cmccuttack.odisha.gov.in. The bidders fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria of the EOI can access and download the complete EOI Document and other details from the above websites & apply accordingly.

The major events under the bid process are:

S.NO.	List of Key Events	Critical Dates
1	Date of availability of EOI document in Official website	06/08/24, 04:00 P.M.
2	Last Date for Submission of Bid	13/08/24, 5:00 P.M.
3	Date of Opening of Technical Bid on	14/08/24, 11:00 A.M.
4	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	14/08/24, 4:30 P.M.

The Proposals complete in all respects must reach the undersigned by Speed post/Registered post only latest by 13/08/24 before 5:00 P.M. in a sealed envelope super scribed as "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST-SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT ARTISTS, ART EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO UNDERTAKE WALL PAINTING/STREET ART, PERTAINING TO SWACHH CUTTACK, SUSTHA CUTTACK UNDER SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2024-2025". The proposals received beyond the last date and time will be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all BIDs/cancel the entire selection process at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Address for Submission of Proposal : Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Biju Bhawan, Choudhary Bazaar, Cuttack-753001

Sd/-
Commissioner
Cuttack Municipal Corporation
OIPR-130311/002724-25

GIFT POWER COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

GIFT Power Company Limited (GIFT PCL) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for Procurement of 9 MW Hybrid Renewable Energy (Solar & Wind) on Long-Term / Medium-Term / Short-Term basis from RE Developers / Generators / Traders as follows:

EOI Enquiry No.	Availability of EOI	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and Time of Opening of Bid.
Work Description		Last Date for Seeking Clarifications: 31st August-2024
GIFT/PC/2024-25/01	5th August-2024	Reply to queries / clarification: 10th September-2024
		EOI Submission End Date: 30th September-2024
		EOI Validity: 180 days from the Submission End Date

The Expression of Interest (EOI) is available on our website www.giftgujarat.in.

Home Page > Downloads > Others

For, GIFT Power Company Limited

Sd/-

Director

Regd. Office: GIFT Power Company Limited, EPS - Building no. 49A, Block 49, Zone 04, Gyan Marg, GIFT City, Gandhinagar - 382355 (GUJARAT) India. Tel. no. +91 79 61708300, Fax No.: +91 7930018321

कार्यालय: मुख्य अभियन्ता, नगर निगम, गोरखपुर

ई-निविदा सूचना

नगर निगम, गोरखपुर द्वारा नगर निगम के समस्त पंजीकृत/वायु ठेकेदारों/अनुभवी फर्मों से ई-निविदा के माध्यम से मुख्यमंत्री ग्रीन रोड इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर डेवेलपमेंट स्कीम (अर्बन) के अन्तर्गत 01 कार्य की निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। शासनादेश सं 3890/नौ-5-149सा/2019, नगर विकास अनुभाग-05 3090 शासन लखनऊ, दिनांक 20 सितम्बर 20, 09, 2019 के क्रम में उक्त निविदा में नगर निगम, गोरखपुर में अप्रोजेक्ट ठेकेदारों की प्रतिभाग कर सकते हैं। सर्वन्यून निविदादाता होने पर सम्बन्धित ठेकेदार को नगर निगम, गोरखपुर में पंजीकरण की अहला पूर्ण करार कर नगर निगम, गोरखपुर में पंजीकरण करना होगा। पंजीकरण की अहला सम्बन्धी विवरण/आवश्यक प्रपत्र की सूचना किसी भी कार्य दिवस में नगर निगम कार्यालय के निम्नलिखित विभाग में देखी जा सकती है। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र 3090 की ई-प्रकोरमेंट की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर देखी जा सकती है। शासनादेश सं 4848/नौ-5-2018-470सा/2018 नगर विकास अनुभाग-5 3090 शासन, लखनऊ दिनांक 10 दिसम्बर, 2018 के क्रम में निविदा शुल्क & जीएएसटीएच एवं धरोहर धनराशि वृद्ध-वृद्ध NEFT अथवा RTGS के माध्यम से नगर निगम कोष में नगर निगम, गोरखपुर के खाता संख्या- 10058883207, IFSC Code: INDB000150) इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर बैंक, शाखा-पार्क रोड, गोरखपुर अथवा वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही ऑनलाइन के माध्यम से जमा की जायेगी। ई-निविदाई निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र. सं.	नगर निगम	वैकेज सं.	अन्वयितार्थ नाम	मार्ग की लम्बाई किमी में	अनुमानित लागत और सड़की सतह (रु. लाख में)	कार्य की सम्पूर्ण अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)	निर्माण धरोहर धनराशि (रु. में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि (माह में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य जीएएसटीएच सहित (रु.)	
1	गोरखपुर	GKP/CMG-01	राजीव नगर कुर्छों से राप्ती नगर विद्युत कार्यालय तक, शाहपुर थाना मेडिकल कॉलेज रोड से गंगा नगर चौराहा, मातनहौलिया के मकान से दूरदर्शन होते हुए मेडिकल कॉलेज रोड तक सड़क निर्माण एवं विद्युत सिफ्टिंग।	2.40	3764.76	27.88	3792.64	50.00	15	41300.00

ऑनलाइन निविदा का विवरण

क्र.सं.	विवरण	दिनांक एवं समय
1	वेबसाइट से निविदा डाउनलोड करने की तिथि	10.08.2024, प्रातः 10:00 बजे से
2	ई-निविदा	14.08.2024, अपराह्न 03:00 बजे स्थान- तृतीय मंजिल यूटिलिटी सेक्टर-7, गोमती नगर एस्टेट-नगर, लखनऊ, 3090-226002
3	निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि	23.08.2024, अपराह्न 03:00 बजे
4	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	23.08.2024, अपराह्न 03:30 बजे

कार्य का विवरण, नियम व शर्तें नगर निगम, गोरखपुर के वेबसाइट www.nagamgankp.org गोरखपुर पर ई-प्रकोरमेंट की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है साथ ही नगर निगम कार्यालय के नोटिस बोर्ड पर चर्चा कर दी जायेगी। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिये उक्त वेबसाइट पर देखी जा सकती है।
पत्रांक: 159/अभिन/चार-सा/निविदा/2024-25
दिनांक: 06.08.2024

मुख्य अभियन्ता
नगर निगम, गोरखपुर

India imported ₹6,127 cr worth of urea from China in 2023-24

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India imported around 18.6 lakh tonne urea worth ₹730 million (Rs 6,127 crore) from China during 2023-24. Another 22.6 lakh tonne phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilisers was imported from China, the govt informed Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. In a written reply, MoS for chemicals and fertilisers Anupriya Patel said that India imports urea (agriculture purpose) on govt account to bridge the gap between production and assessed demand.

The data submitted to the Upper House mentioned that India imported 70.4 lakh tonne urea in 2023-24 for \$2.6 billion (Rs 21,827 crore). Similarly, 106.5 lakh tonne P&K fertilisers was imported during the

Punjab ryots use 77% more fertilizer than national average, govt tells RS

Farmers in Punjab use nearly 77% more fertiliser for cultivation compared to the national average, govt told Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. While national average usage of the chemical fertiliser is around 140 kg per hectare, in Punjab it's around 248 kg. In a written reply on whether large number of cancer cases have been reported from parts of Punjab where excessive phosphate fertiliser is in use, the ministry said that the state govt has informed that no such report or research of cancer cases have been reported. TNN

last financial year. The ministry said that value of imported P&K fertilisers is not maintained in the department.

"So far as P&K fertilisers are concerned, these grades of fertilisers are covered under Open General Licence (OGL) under the Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme (NBS). They are imported by the companies on their commercially viable terms," Patel said. The minister said that in order to attain self-

sufficiency in urea in the country, govt mandated revival of Ramagundam (Telangana), Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Sindri (Jharkhand) and Talcher (Odisha) units of Fertiliser Corporation of India and Barauni (Bihar) unit of Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation through Joint Venture Company of nominated PSUs for setting up new ammonia-urea plants of 12.7 lakh tonne per annual capacity each.

AFSPA rolled back in Tripura & Meghalaya

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, has been fully rolled back from Tripura and Meghalaya, and applies only in select police stations or districts of other northeastern states like Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh, the home ministry told the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Citing the 71% decline in insurgency incidents, 60% dip in security personnel killings and 82% decrease in civilian fatalities in 2023 as compared to 2014, Nityanand Rai, in reply to a question, shared that this has led to significant reduction in AFSPA coverage of the northeast.

Fraud reporting system saved ₹2,400 cr: Govt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The citizen financial cyber fraud reporting and management system set up in 2021 under the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) has helped save over Rs 2,400 crore so far from being lost to cyber fraudsters, thanks to action taken on a total of 7.6 lakh complaints.

The home ministry informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that other initiatives like the launch of Sanchar Saarthi portal to empower mobile subscribers, strengthen their security and increase awareness about citizen-centric initiatives of the govt have enabled the disconnection of 73 lakh mobile connections taken on forged documents and blocking of nearly 2.3 lakh mobile handsets across the country. TNN

Dubey: Priyanka attended Ambani wedding dinner

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Even as Congress rubbished the claim made by Nishikant Dubey that Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra attended the Ambani wedding, the BJP MP from Godda stuck to his statement and said the Congress functionary did attend a dinner hosted by the Ambani family at their residence in Mumbai. "I have made the statement on record on the floor of the House. The wedding celebrations took place for more than six months and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra attended the dinner hosted by the Ambani family at Antilia, their residence in Mumbai. Vadra attended the dinner with her children," the BJP MP told TOI as he stuck to his statement made in Parliament.

Participating in a debate on the finance bill in Lok Sabha, Dubey claimed a member of the Gandhi family attended the recent wedding of industrialist Mukesh Ambani's son Anant Ambani, an event that saw the presence of several politicians, including a number of opposition leaders.

"Do you want to donate money and also go to his wedding? After that keep abusing him because he is not going to defend. Which politician of this country did not go to Ambani's wedding? Priyanka Gandhi, who is the general secretary of her party, did not go to the wedding," Dubey said. After Dubey's statement, opposition MPs created a ruckus in Lok Sabha. Seeing the uproar, the speaker asked Dubey to speak on the finance bill.

181 CRPF suicides in 3.5 years

New Delhi: A total 181 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel ended their lives over the last three-and-a-half years, with the maximum suicides reported in Uttar Pradesh (22) and Bihar (17).

In written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, junior home minister Nityanand Rai said there was however no increasing trend in suicides by CRPF personnel, with the number recorded at 57 in 2021, 43 in 2022, 57 in 2023 and 24 until June 30 this year. Staggered breakup of CRPF suicides since 2021 shows UP as worst affected with 22 suicides, followed by Bihar with 17, Haryana with 15 and Assam and Rajasthan with 14 suicides each. TNN

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. DRM-BRC 073 TO 075 OF 2024-25: Sealed Tenders for and on behalf of The President of India are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C), Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004 for the following works:

Sr No.	Tender No. & Name of the work	Approximate cost of the work (In Rs.)	Bid Security to be deposited (In Rs.)
1	DRM BRC 073 of 2024-25. Outsourcing of track maintenance activities under SSE(P/Way) III/ANND in the jurisdiction of DEN(N)/BRC.	1,47,38,908.19	2,23,700.00
2	DRM BRC 074 of 2024-25. Vadodara-Geratpur Section: Nadiad, Jn BG: Augmenting goods shed capacity at Nadiad Station (Re-invited) (R-1).	1,93,17,276.34	2,46,600.00
3	DRM BRC 075 of 2024-25. BRCY: Disinfection by chlorination of drinking water supply under the jurisdiction of SSE (W) BRCY (Re-invited) (R-3).	8,25,644.99	16,500.00

All Above For Tenders: Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Tender is to be submitted on 23.08.2024 before 15.00 Hrs. and is to be opened on same date at 15.30 Hrs. Website particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased: Website at www.reps.gov.in in Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C) Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004

W/623/NIT of 2024-25 dated 01.08.2024

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Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM)

Department of Labour Resources, Government of Bihar
A-Wing, 5th Floor, Niyogan Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-800001
Phone: 0612-2528455 Fax: 0612-2535004
Email: biharskilldevelopmentmission@gmail.com
Website: www.skillmissionbihar.org
RFP No: BSDM/LSR/2023-03

Principal Secretary, Dept. of Labour Resources, Govt. of Bihar - cum - CEO, Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM), invites proposals (Two Bid System) from reputed and experienced organizations for selection of an agency which will provide:

- Knowledge Framework (Portal) for all Skill Development Programs Management (KFP-SDPM)
- Content for skill development courses (as and when prescribed) which will run in a quasi-online medium through Learning Management System (LMS)
- Learning Management System (LMS) for skill development courses (as and when prescribed) which will run in a quasi-online medium having eContent
- Printing and Transportation of Books at the respective skill development centers - for courses which will run in a quasi-online medium through LMS and eContent (like KYP and BSCFA Course which is currently being implemented by BSDM)
- State-wide Implementation, Monitoring, Periodic Maintenance & Update (of Portal, eContent and LMS) and other Operational Supports (Like Manpower Deployment) etc. for entire contract duration

under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model for Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM)
Kindly note that the selection of agency under this RFP will not guarantee allocation of work and BSDM will assume no liability or cost towards it. BSDM makes no commitments, express or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction between any one.

Document Fee and Tender Processing Fee: All Applicants have to pay a non-refundable Document Fee of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) and Tender Processing Fee of Rs. 590.00 or as applicable (Five Hundred Ninety only) through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): An EMD of Rs. 10,00,000/- (10 Lakh) through e-payment mode only (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal, well before the last date/time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid, failing which the bid will be rejected. This EMD will be non-interest bearing and refundable. If the selected bidder fails to submit the requisite performance security or to execute the agreement, this EMD will be forfeited.

The Proposal has to be submitted through online mode on <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and can be searched by clicking the Tab "Tender" on home page of above website and then going to Latest Tender by searching Department Name as "Labour Resources Department".

The Proposal has to be submitted in online mode containing following cover stage-

A) Technical Bid Open Stage and B) Cost Bid Open Stage
The application procedure, eligibility criteria, evaluation methodology, terms and conditions and the scope of work are detailed in this RFP which can be seen or downloaded from the "e-Procurement Portal" <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and departmental website: <http://www.skillmissionbihar.org>. The RFP will be available to download from the above websites from 06.08.2024. The Pre-bid meeting will be held on 03:00 PM of 23.08.2024. The last date for uploading of proposal/bid will be 17.09.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Technical Bid will be opened on or after 17.09.2024 post 16:00 Hrs. The Evaluation of Bids will be under QCBS System. Please refer RFP document for complete details.

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Employee engagement is a critical factor for business success. But there is a need to go beyond 'engagement' by focusing on 'involvement' which incorporates employees in decision-making

By M Muneer

Engagement refers to employees' emotional commitment to the company and its goals. Much of HR funds go into developing engagement programmes while the concept of employee involvement is often overlooked, which incidentally is more crucial. Employee involvement means incorporating staff in decision-making, problem-solving, and organisational improvements. Many companies (P&G, Tata Steel, Mahindra, HUL, etc) have adopted this process.



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(The writer is co-founder of Medici Institute for Innovation)

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Dhaka Fire: India Waits For Smoke To Clear

Situation evolving, threat to minorities matter of concern, EAM tells House

Govt treads cautiously but doesn't rule out foreign hand behind turmoil

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New Delhi: In the first public remarks on the ongoing crisis in Bangladesh, foreign minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday told Parliament that India has been in regular touch with authorities in Dhaka in the past 24 hours about the "evolving" and "complex" situation, as he also expressed deep concern over the threat to minorities and asserted that India expects the host govt to protect Indian establishments so that they can function normally once the situation improves.

While giving nothing away on where deposed PM Sheikh Hasina might be headed, the minister said she had sought at a very short notice approval to come "for the moment" to India.

Conscious of the delicate situation in Dhaka, Jaishankar in his suo moto statement avoided making any remark that might be misinterpreted as an attempt to dictate the terms of govt formation to Bangladesh. Significantly, while India had publicly said during the protests against Hasina that this was an internal issue of Bangladesh, Jaishankar had repeatedly advised restraint and urged "various political forces" it was in touch with that the situation be defused through dialogue. He didn't name the Hasina govt or any party but said various decisions and actions after the



Mohammadpur police station was one of those vandalised

stir refused to die down only exacerbated the situation. Unlike the US, which welcomed the formation of an interim govt, Jaishankar only took note of Army chief Waker-uz-Zaman talking about assuming responsibility and constituting a govt. Giving details of the violence that erupted on August 4 against the Hasina regime in the past few days, he said what was particularly worrying was that minorities, their businesses and temples also came under attack at multiple locations. The full extent of this was still not clear, he said.

"On August 5, demonstrators converged in Dhaka despite the curfew. Our understanding is that after a meeting with leaders of the security establishment, PM Hasina apparently made the decision to resign. At very short notice, she requested approval to come for the moment to India. We simultaneously received a

request for flight clearance from Bangladesh authorities," Jaishankar said, adding the govt was in continuous touch with the Indian community in Bangladesh through its diplomatic missions and has asked border forces to be exceptionally alert because of the complex situation.

He said there are an estimated 19,000 Indian nationals in Bangladesh, of which about 9,000 are students. The bulk of the students had already returned to India in July on the advice of the Indian high commission, he said. "In terms of our diplomatic presence, in addition to the high commission in Dhaka, we have assistant high commissions in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet. It is our expectation that the host govt will provide the required security protection for these establishments. We look forward to their normal functioning once the situation sta-

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bilises," he said, adding India-Bangladesh relations have been exceptionally close for many decades.

Jaishankar said India was closely following the situation with regard to the minorities and appreciates initiatives by various groups to protect them but added it would remain deeply concerned till law and order was visibly restored.

India, along with Russia and China, had endorsed the elections early this year in which Hasina had secured another term in office in the absence of any real opposition. Jaishankar said since the election, there had been considerable tensions, deep divides and growing polarisation in Bangladesh politics. This underlying foundation, he said, aggravated a student agitation that started in June, leading to increasing violence. India has so far not officially blamed forces aligned with Pakistan for the situation but it's widely believed opposition BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami worked to transform the students' agitation into a movement for regime change.

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Foreign minister S Jaishankar did not outrightly rule out the involvement of foreign players in the turmoil in Bangladesh though he refrained from making categorical assertions on the sensitive issue and said the situation there was too fluid.

Responding to a question from leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi about the role of foreign players in fomenting trouble, Jaishankar preferred to tread cautiously and emphasised that the flux in Bangladesh did not allow him to be categorical, sources said.

The minister also said Sheikh Hasina was in a state of shock and was unsure of where she would like to settle down after leaving India, the statement being affirmed shortly afterwards by the Bangladesh leader's son Sa-jeeb Wazed Joy. Speaking to CNN-News18, Joy said Hasina was yet to make up her mind, but could choose between the US and the UK where she had relatives.

Joy ruled out Hasina's return to Bangladesh and said she was traumatised by the ingratitude of people in Bangladesh who destroyed the memorial of her father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and would like to let them fend for themselves.

Joy denied that Hasina had become unpopular and said the opinion of a vocal minority should not be seen as a reliable guide.



Jaishankar said Hasina was in a state of shock and was unsure of where she would like to settle down after leaving India. Hasina's son said she was yet to make up her mind, but could choose between the US and the UK

At the all-party meeting, Jaishankar said the Indian govt would give Hasina time to recover before enquiring about her future plans, adding national security adviser A K Doval was taking appropriate measures for her security.

The minister said India had spoken to the Bangladesh army chief to ensure the safety of Indian nationals in that country and also taken up the issue of attacks on Hindu minorities, according to a couple of leaders who attended the meeting.

An opposition leader, who attended the meeting, said a reference was made about instability in the neighbourhood, not in the least following the toppling of the Hasina govt, which was seen as India's most dependable ally.

"We suggested to the govt

Closely following situation: China

China on Tuesday reacted guardedly to the unfolding crisis in Bangladesh, saying it was "closely" following the situation. China had rolled out a red carpet for Hasina during her Beijing visit from July 8 to 10 during which two countries signed 21 agreements. PTI

Plane goes back to Bangladesh after escorting Hasina to India

New Delhi: The C-130J military transport aircraft that brought former PM Sheikh Hasina to India returned to Bangladesh on Tuesday morning after an overnight halt at Hindon airbase near Ghazabad on the outskirts of Delhi.

The C-130J of the Bangladesh Air Force took off from Hindon for Dhaka with seven military personnel around 9 am, leaving Hasina and her younger sister Rehana behind in India, officials said.

Indian security and intelligence officials on Monday had closely monitored the C-130J, with a couple of IAF fighters also being deployed to provide safety cover to the aircraft, while it was headed for Hindon with the Awami League leader on board.

Hasina had taken the C-130J, with the call sign AJAX1431, from an airbase in Bangladesh after fleeing from Dhaka in a Mi-17 helicopter. The C-130J was the most tracked aircraft in real time by aviation enthusiasts around the globe on Monday.

"The C-130J was also monitored on its way back to Bangladesh till it crossed the border," an official said. TNN

Bangabandhu biopic producer, actor-son lynched

Bangladeshi producer Selim Khan, who had made a film on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and had several movies on the floor in Tollywood (Kolkata), was lynched along with actor-son Shanto Khan during Monday's mayhem in Bangladesh, reports **Priyanka Dasgupta**. According to a report in The Daily Star, Selim and Shanto were targeted in Chattogram's Chandpur soon after word spread about Sheikh Hasina's resignation as PM. The duo first fled their village and went to Farakkabad area. "Some people tried to stop them (but) they managed to flee by opening fire. When they reached the nearby Bagarabazaar area, an angry mob caught and killed them. Chandpur Sadar Police Station officer-in-charge Sheikh Mohsin Alam confirmed the matter," The Daily Star reported.

Protesters set Bangla ex-skipper house on fire

The unrest that engulfed Bangladesh in the past week has not spared even its famous cricketers. Former national captain **Mashrafe Mortaza's** house was allegedly set ablaze by a mob on Monday, reports **Archiman Bhaduri**. The cricketer, however, was not hurt. After retirement, the ex-pacer ventured into politics in 2018, joining the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League. He stood for Narail-2 seat as a candidate of the party and went on to win over 96% votes, becoming the first active international cricketer to be a member of parliament in his country. Mortaza secured his seat for the second consecutive time by winning general election held earlier this year.

Relatives back home threatened, many stuck in India unwilling to return to Bangladesh...

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: The violence in Bangladesh is adding to the ranks of Bangladeshis stuck outside their homeland, who fear they might never be able to return to their country. TOI on Tuesday spoke to several Bangladeshi nationals, who wanted to extend their stay abroad as they feared for their lives.

Rice exporter Biplab Roy, 41, had come to Kolkata a month ago for his wife's treatment. The couple's visas will expire on August 18. On Tuesday morning, a desperate Roy reached the Bangladesh deputy high commissioner's office here, trying to get the visas extended. Roy is also 'mahasampadak' of Jatiya Sra-

IS ANYTHING LEFT?



A man takes a peek into Sheikh Hasina's vandalised home in Dhaka, on Tuesday

'Worried for my hubby for he's a cop, and they are being attacked'

Nur Naha Islam

I came to India on July 28 on a holiday, hoping to visit Kashmir with my husband, a police officer in Dhaka. But it remained a hope after a week-long peaceful protest against a quota system metamorphosed into unprecedented violence there. My husband was called back to duty, and he got stuck in Dhaka. I am worried about him and several of my relatives and friends in police which are bearing the brunt of the violence.

Since Monday, I have been hearing about police stations falling prey to arsonists. Several cops have been killed since the fall of Sheikh Hasina govt. What's their fault? Police officials were just follow-

ing govt orders. I heard that Bangladesh Police Subordinate Employees' Association has announced an indefinite strike to protest against attacks on cops. One can understand when cops call strike — it's their last resort to save

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BSF comes to rescue of B'desh border officials under attack

Tamagna Banerjee & Subhro Maitra | TNN

Petrapole/Malda: Border Security Force (BSF) personnel Monday rescued a group of customs and immigration officials posted at Benapole border in Bangladesh and offered them shelter in the no man's land for some time after protesters attacked their offices and attempted to vandalise a mural of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The same day, at least 100 Indian drivers and helpers of goods vehicles, who were stuck at Benapole, were rescued by BSF personnel at the Petrapole integrated check post. BSF helped them drive the empty trucks (around 47 of them) — that were stranded at Benapole for the night — to the Indian side Tuesday afternoon.

Around 3.30pm Monday, an irate mob — armed with sticks, bricks, bamboo, colour cans and petrol cans — ransacked a trade union office (owing allegiance to Awami League), set it afire and burst firecrackers. As union members, transporters and businessmen ran towards the border, the protesters followed them and then turned their assault towards govt officials of the Customs and immigration departments.

Bangladesh Border Guard (BGB) personnel tried to resist but were soon outnumbered and had to retreat. "The officials were under threat and that is when they entered the no man's land, where our personnel were posted. We seated the officials in the gallery, where people sit on occasions of joint beating retreat. We warned off the protesters without moving into their territory," said a BSF officer.

An escape to safety: Many cross over with scary tales

Tamagna Banerjee & Priyanka Dasgupta | TNN

Petrapole/Kolkata: Shahid Ali, his legs broken, stared at the roof of the ambulance waiting to cross the Petrapole border Tuesday and contemplated if he could have done something different. No, he would — if it came to that — again jump from the second floor of a hotel balcony, just as he did the previous day in Bangladesh's Jessore to escape what he thought was certain death.

Shahid, 36, from Assam was in his room in the hotel owned by an Awami League functionary when a mob set fire to the building. His leap of faith saved him while 24 of those trapped inside Zabeer International Hotel died.

"The first and ground floors were ablaze," Shahid said. "I was lucky to land on the tin roof of a shop below. My brother Faizan, who was outside, escaped with a few burns. We are so relieved to be out of Bangladesh," he said.

At the Petrapole integrated checkpoint near Bongaon in Bengal's North 24 Parganas, the air was rife with tales of dramatic escapes. Some trekked through the night, others hitch-hiked till the checkpoint, a few spent thousands of rupees for rickety rickshaw rides, and scores slept at a bus terminus across the border in the hope of boarding the first available vehicle home.

In a village tucked away amid the verdant tea gardens in Sylhet, a Hindu family of six taking refuge in the neighbourhood temple since Monday evening got to know that a mob was on its way. A group of Muslim villagers stealthily moved the family



Shahid Ali broke his legs after jumping off the second floor of a hotel owned by an Awami League functionary that was set on fire

to the local mosque and cordoned off the temple to protect it from the vandals. The family was escorted to a border area a few kilometres away, from where they embarked on a trek through hilly terrain to reach India.

"We are safe and back in India. End of story," said another Indian employed with a company engaged in infrastructure projects in Brahmanbaria. "We decided to pack up and leave after hearing that the house of a Hindu co-worker was set on fire in Khulna," he said on entering Tripura with 15 colleagues.

A company vehicle had dropped them some distance from the border checkpoint in Akhaura. The group covered the remaining distance on foot. "We switched off our phones to avoid giving away our identities inadvertently through conversations. We were scared and took every precaution not to draw attention," the man said.

In Petrapole, Ahmedabad resident Gulam Mohammed Sheikh recounted hopping from one rickshaw to another — eight in all over 60km — and walking another

stretch to reach the Benapole border on the Bangladesh side. "Since Sunday, I saw cars and buildings set ablaze and people moving with weapons openly on the streets of Dhaka," he said.

Piyas Adhikari, a resident of Duttapukur in North 24 Parganas, crossed the border with his mother Shilpi around afternoon. They had reached Bangladesh on tourist visas last week to meet relatives. "Seeing the situation deteriorate rapidly, we decided to head back home. Although our relative's home wasn't attacked, others in the neighbourhood received threats," said Adhikari. They took the first bus out of Jessore to reach Benapole.

Manoranjan Roy, a Bangladeshi Rajbanshi tribal, hid in a pit along with his family at Nilphamari in Rangpur. Roy sent voice messages to his sister Prabhati Barman, a resident of Jalpaiguri in north Bengal, about wanting to come to India. "Armed men attacked houses in Nilphamari and also ransacked my elder brother's house. He and my other brothers all want to come here," she said.

...while others grab the first opportunity to go back to a 'new & democratic Bangladesh'

Dwaipayan Ghosh, Tamagna Banerjee & Mayukh Sengupta | TNN

Kolkata: A batch of 311 Bangladeshis, stranded in Kolkata due to ongoing turmoil in their country, began their journey back home Tuesday via flights and buses. The first group of 67 flyers faced anxious hours at Kolkata airport before finally boarding a flight to Dhaka at 1am. Two more flights carrying 137 passengers followed later. Three buses transporting 107 Bangladeshi nationals departed the city by noon. Among the travellers were many students, some as young as 17, who expressed hopes for a "new and democratic" Bangladesh.



Bangladeshis head back home across the Petrapole border on Tuesday

Kolkata airport operated four flights to and from Dhaka, operated by Biman Bangladesh, Novo Air, and US-Bangla Airlines. However, IndiGo cancelled two direct flights, causing frustration among many passengers. Munir Hossain, a

Dhaka resident, recounted his experience of taking a Biman Bangladesh flight at 1.30am Tuesday after his original flight Monday evening was delayed due to a closure at Dhaka airport. "My visa was valid till Wednesday," Hossain said.

Bus passenger KM Haider from Barishal anticipated a midnight arrival home. "The bus will reach around 4pm in Dhaka. I hope we do not face any issues at the Petrapole-Benapole border post," said Haider, who had visited Kolkata for medical consultations.

Air India operated a Delhi-Dhaka-Delhi flight Tuesday and announced that future flights would depend on the situation in Bangladesh. "In addition, due to the prevailing situation in Dhaka, Air India is offering a one-time waiver on rescheduling to customers, with confirmed bookings on any Air India flight to and from Dhaka between Aug 4 & 7, 2024, if they desire to do so." AI posted on X.

'Realistic' Bombay HC waives cooling-off period in divorce case

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Mumbai: Observing that the court should adopt a realistic approach, Bombay high court waived the statutory six-month waiting period under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, and dissolved the marriage of an estranged couple.

"... it is the duty of the court to assist the parties by exercising the discretion to waive the cooling-off period and free them from the stress of their application for divorce remaining pending," said Justice Gauri Godse in the July 25 verdict. She quashed and set aside Pune Family Court's June 4 order that refused to waive the waiting period under Section 13 B (2). Under this section, court decides on petition for mutual divorce between six and 18 months of its filing.

The couple, aged 29 and 28, had married in June 2021. Due to differences, they began living separately in Oct 2022. Reconciliation attempts failed. They filed a petition for dissolution of marriage under Section 13B (divorce by mutual consent) on

March 13 and requested a waiver of the waiting period.

Justice Godse noted that the family court judge held that merely because they had stayed separately for 22 months, it cannot be a ground to waive the waiting period. Also, that discretion to waive cannot be exercised only because parties are willing to dissolve their marriage by mutual consent.

Justice Godse said the waiting period is a precautionary provision to avoid any injustice to any party and to rule out the possibility of reconciliation. Also, the judiciary, keeping in mind the changing social conditions, needs to adopt a "realistic approach". She further said that when couples file for divorce through mutual consent, they have taken a conscious decision to separate. "Such decisions show they have decided to move ahead, and thus there is every chance of rehabilitation," she opined. She said a newly married couple, or a couple married for quite some time, are unable to stay together for various reasons "itself would be a mental agony".

2 Assam Rifles battalions moved out of Manipur

One Of Them To Be Deployed In The Valley

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Guwahati: Amid protests by Manipur's Kukis against the withdrawal of two "non-partisan" Assam Rifles (AR) battalions from two sensitive security buffer zones in the strife-torn state, Army has recommended placing the incoming CRPF battalions under the command and control of AR's sector headquarters.

Kuki MLAs have been part of the protests to retain the AR troops. The community fears the move to withdraw a "non-partisan force like Assam Rifles" could lead to a resurgence of violence.

Army has directed relocation of the two AR battalions from Manipur to Nagaland, where they will relieve two other battalions. These relieved battalions will be redeployed in J&K. Assam Rifles, despite being a paramilitary force, has a dual control structure, with the Army overseeing operational con-



People displaced by the strife in Manipur being taken for their resettlement in their native places from a relief camp, on Tuesday

ed that the command and control of the two CRPF battalions, relieving the AR battalions, is vested with the respective AR sector headquarters of IG (E) and IG (S), to ensure cohesion in operations in these sensitive areas," the source said. Besides, the two CRPF battalions will undergo three months of on-the-job training "in view of the prevailing security situation in the state". Additionally, like other infantry battalions inducted into Manipur, they will undergo four weeks of pre-induction training at the Counter-Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School in Vairengte, Mizoram, suggesting their involvement in counter-insurgency operations in the state.

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HC sets time for T'gana govt on BC sub-quota commission

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: Telangana high court on Tuesday directed the state's Congress govt to inform it by Aug 27 how long it would take to set up a commission for backward communities (BCs), followed by a survey to assess the extent of backwardness among the groups.

A bench of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J Sreenivas Rao was hearing petitions seeking implementation of BC category-wise reservations in elections to municipal corporations and rural bodies. The bench noted that as a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court had on March 4, 2021, laid down a triple test to be adopted by states on such quotas, Telangana should follow the mandate of this order.

The court wanted the states, before earmarking seats for BCs in local bodies, to first set up a BC commission. After this, a survey should be conducted by such commissions to get empirical data on the status of various categories of BCs. The states were then asked to allot seats to BCs in the light of the commissions' recommendations.

'Not possible to apply for asylum from outside UK'

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Despite the setback caused by Hasina's exit, India has said it wants its missions in Bangladesh to function normally once law and order is restored. The UK Home Office would not officially comment on the asylum claim as such claims are confidential but Home Office sources told TOI, "It is not possible to apply for asylum from outside the UK. The UK has a proud record of providing protection for people who need it. However, there is no provision within our immigration rules for someone to be allowed to travel to the UK to seek asylum or temporary refuge. Those who need international protection should claim asylum in the first safe country they reach, that is the fastest route to safety."

Strongly hinting Hasina should apply for asylum in India, the source added, "Each asylum claim is carefully considered on its individual merits on a case-by-case basis." Hasina, 76, arrived at Hindon air base in Ghaziabad on Monday with her younger sister Sheikh

Rehana (68) in a military plane and shifted to Delhi.

Rehana already has political asylum in the UK and holds British citizenship. She took refuge in the UK after the assassination of her father, Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in 1975. The sisters had planned to move swiftly to London but will now have to rethink their next destination. Hasina's niece Tulip Siddiq, who is Rehana's daughter, is a Labour MP and is economic secretary to the Treasury in the new Labour govt.

On Monday UK foreign secretary David Lammy said, "The people of Bangladesh deserve a full and independent UN-led investigation into the events of the past few weeks." He also said the UK wants to see action taken to ensure a peaceful and democratic future for Bangladesh. The UK can also grant other forms of humanitarian protection to people who the Home Office decides need protection but who do not meet the criteria for refugee status. Hasina could apply for discretionary leave outside the immigration rules.

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A Bangla Lesson

Expecting the past to keep delivering returns is
as irrational as romanticising it. Look ahead

With Bangladesh in great flux, many Indians are also in great confusion. Specifically on the point of, wait, they stopped being grateful to us, how did that happen? The reason our neighbouring country's crisis is being looked at through this simplistic prism in some quarters, is because they are stuck in a timewarp. Yes, in 1971, India played a key role in Bangladesh's independence. But the currency of gratitude doesn't buy a limitless supply of affection, let alone subjection. The misunderstanding that it's a gift that will never stop giving is, however, widespread.

If employees think that appreciation of a given project will translate into a career-long payout, that's cuckoo. Employers would be equally silly to expect unending gratitude from employees, in exchange for a fine increment one year. Parents tend to have similarly unreasonable expectations, about how children will continue obedience even when they outgrow dependence. To be bonded to an unchanging and irretrievable past is to fall out of step with the present. An unsympathetic psychoanalyst has called it "backward-looking navel-gazing".

Aren't such narcissistic illusions understandable as coping mechanisms for current challenges? Yes, but a better question is, do they help or harm? As an example, consider elders mandating how young Indians must observe Independence Day. Such mandates originate in what elders themselves did in their youth. The problem is the meaning of Independence Day will be lost on anybody who is denied the freedom to interpret it for herself. The future itself is thus being held hostage to the past.

As another example, consider the invocation of some ancient golden age to deal with the woes of India today. Projecting advanced reproductive technologies, stem cell research and spacecraft into our pre-modern past ends up damaging the cause of science in our modern nation. Such nostalgia is just as toxic to us, as imperial nostalgia is to our former colonialists. A certain elite in UK is still hellbent on flogging the fantasy that Britain is still a major global power. It isn't. Such fallacies end up feeding into the 'Make Britain Great Again' hysteria, which has erupted into ugly riots this month.

Memory researcher Charan Ranganath recently told **TOI**, if any politician tries to tell you that things used to be good and now they are bad, you should be immediately suspicious. Politicians who talk too much of the past are generally bad at dealing with what the future holds.



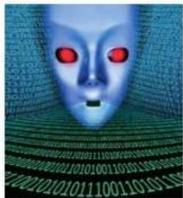
Totally Fake, Very Scary

From Dhaka protests to Wayanad tragedy to British
riots, reminder again of dangers of AI deepfakes

As explosive events in Bangladesh unfolded, Bengal police alerted the public to "not step into a fake news trap" that can spin into unrest. Images of Bangla protests have deluged messaging apps. It's impossible for the public to differentiate between authentic and doctored, or fake, images. And it takes nothing to get confused, desperate and riled. It is this emotional impact of, and reaction to, images that make fake images so dangerous. Take for instance, how the multi-city anti-immigrant riots are sweeping Britain – in part triggered by fake news of a "Muslim immigrant" having stabbed three British girls.

Yesterday, a fact-checker unit posted that the image of an infant cradled in its mother's arms, both caked in mud from the Wayanad landslide that took their lives, was AI-generated. The picture moved like wildfire across online media as among the "defining images" that captured the devastation. Now we're told it wasn't real. Pitfalls of political manipulation of images and their impact are known, but who gains from a deepfake of a tragedy?

Scientists say those who put out such AI images target how people remember events. One, the first thing that fades from memory is *where* an image came from. Two, striking photos can seldom be *erased* from memory. So, if it's stuck in one's mind, no fact-checking is likely to dislodge one's recollection of the Wayanad landslide that was formed from the mother and baby image. Memory is non-factual. People trust photos. And AI researchers believe deepfakes will eventually become undetectable. In these testing times post the crisis in Dhaka, the dangers of engendering emotions by weaponising feeds are infinite.



Outsider inside

Trump, JD Vance, Rishi Sunak, and Suella
Braverman don't like people who are like them

Jug Suraiya

Donald Trump and JD Vance, his one-time die-hard detractor who had described him as an American Hitler, and who is now his running mate for White House, have several things in common. They both don't believe in manmade climate change. They're both anti-abortion. And they both have an antipathy to people who are just like them. Or people like the people they've descended from, or people who are their family members.

Trump and Vance don't like immigrants. Why? Because immigrants purportedly take away jobs from natives? Perhaps. But the main reason why people like Trump and Vance, and their counterparts elsewhere, including in India, don't like immigrants is because immigrants are outsiders, and have outside customs, and outside languages, and outside eating habits, and outside anything you care to name.

The problem with wanting to keep outsiders on the outside is that those who consider themselves insiders, like Donald and JD, are the descendants of outsiders, as are members of their families.

All white immigrants to US are descended from immigrants, from England, Ireland, and sundry parts of Europe who, by a series of wars, displaced the indigenous Americans and made them outcasts in their own land.

Trump's first wife was Czech, and his current spouse is Slovenian. Vance's wife is the daughter of immigrants from Andhra.

Similarly, ex-UK PM Rishi Sunak, and Suella Braverman, who came up with a plan to ship illegal migrants to Rwanda, are descended from Indian outsiders. Indeed, the English themselves are descended from 'boat people' like Vikings, and Danes, and Jutes, and Angles who barged into the island without visas or passport control and marginalised the local Celts and Picts, so much so that the word England itself is derived from Angle-land.

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While We Wait For New BanglaDress

● Give credit to Hasina for stepping down, averting total chaos ● Even with Yunus in govt, don't rule out Jamaat influence ● New Delhi should take a long view, remind Dhaka of benefits of strong ties

Harsh Vardhan Shringla

Bangladesh remains in ferment after Sheikh Hasina's abrupt departure. In this analysis, we focus on three key aspects. First, the good that Hasina did. Second, the ways Bangladesh politics may evolve in the coming days. Third, what India's approach should be.

Three things Hasina did right | She was seen as the architect of an economically vibrant Bangladesh. It was the stability provided by the Hasina govt from 2009 onwards that allowed Bangladesh to attract investments and emerge as a key centre for the manufacture of readymade garments, besides coming up as a country sustaining a nascent pharmaceutical industry base. As high commissioner in Dhaka between 2016-2019, I was witness to some of the major economic changes she brought about in Bangladesh—a country once written off as a basket case.

Ironically, the order to restore quotas in govt jobs was given by Bangladesh courts. The reservation—amounting to more than 50% of all govt jobs—was actually abolished by the Hasina govt in 2018.

From all accounts, to her credit, the former PM did not contest the advice given to her to leave the reins of govt. The fact that she took the advice to quit saved the day. Had she dug in her heels and clung on to office, it could have tipped Bangladesh over the edge with the situation becoming irretrievable. Hasina agreeing to relinquish office has opened up space for a transition that can be relatively smooth. But that will, of course, depend on the political actors called on to form the interim govt under the Bangladesh army's gaze.



What now in Dhaka?

Let's note that the protests against reservations, while spearheaded by students, were later infiltrated by Jamaat-e-Islami, whose student wing, Chhatra Shibir, is responsible for much of the violence. How else can one explain the attacks on vital infra in Bangladesh—the torching of metro stations for example? Or even the deliberate vandalism targeting the memorials to "Banga Bandhu" Sheikh Mujibur Rahman—to his statue and the museum associated with him?

That perspective is necessary while trying to understand what's happening in Dhaka now.

There are reports Nobel Laureate Md Yunus will be appointed head of the interim govt. One attribute he will be carrying to his new job is his opposition to Hasina. The other is his proximity to

US. A close friend of the Clintons and other notables in Washington DC, Yunus is neither a dyed in the wool politician nor an Islamist. He's a technocrat who would understand the need to keep bridges open with India.

But even with Yunus heading it, contours of the interim govt are still unclear; its constitution could take some time given different pulls and pressures. There is also a possibility that martial law may be imposed to steady the situation.

Bangladesh has a serving president. It also has a history of caretaker govts, and a past record of periodic military govts. This gives it a framework for dealing with the current situation. Much depends on who assumes real control now—will it continue to be the army chief, other influential army officers, the president, Jamaat or a rejuvenated opposition BNP under the controversial Tarique Rahman's leadership or a combination of some of these players?

The situation can be brought under control. However, there is always a possibility that it can take a turn for the worse with a further breakdown of law

and order, with dominant groups on the ground assuming control and widespread attacks on the vulnerable, especially minorities.

What should India do? | For India, having a dispensation that is not strongly inimical, and antithetical to its interests, is critical to avoid a mass exodus of refugees and a reversal of the connectivity, trade and cultural links established with much effort over the past 15 years. How the authorities safeguard the interests of minorities there will also be important for India.

It's also important that the new govt in Bangladesh should not act in a manner inimical to India's interests. India does have its reservations about a govt in Dhaka that has radical elements such as Jamaat within it. In the past, we have seen how that has invariably worked against our security interests.

When a new govt is installed, India will engage with that govt to take our ties forward. In the past decade and a half, India has invested in building close ties with Bangladesh, the fruits of which are clearly visible—including in the development of our Northeast. Bangladesh has been a key pillar in our Neighbourhood First policy and a stable, democratic and secular Bangladesh is in India's interest.

We share a 4,096km border with Bangladesh, the longest land boundary that we have with any neighbour. We also regard Bangladesh as a country with a pivotal role to play in our Act East and Indo-Pacific policies, given its strategic location.

Economic ties, including trade and investments, have been expanded; road, rail, air and waterway links have been augmented; and, people-to-people and civil society contacts have multiplied. Simply put, the number of bilateral touch points has grown and continues to grow substantially. Both India and Bangladesh benefit from this.

India will take the long view as Bangladesh and its people find their own solutions.

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Why Are Brits Rioting? Middle Class Liberals Don't Get It

What's happening on the streets of British cities is linked to miseries endured by Britain's underclass, afflicted by generational unemployment, poverty, boredom and little hope for the future

Alastair Lawson-Tancred



It was mayhem on the streets. A female bystander was punched in the face in what eyewitnesses described as "guerilla warfare". There were injuries on both sides. One account described a "seething group of angry and howling people with hatred etched across their faces" engaged in running battles with police. The fighting only came to an end when several fascists were arrested by police.

This is an account of rioting in the southern English town of Worthing in 1934 when members of British Union of Fascists led by Nazi sympathiser Oswald Mosley clashed with various anti-fascist protesters. Similar confrontations in the towns and streets of England took place then as are taking place now.

But there are key differences between the rioting disturbances of 1930s and the current unrest. Perhaps one of the most obvious is that Mosley was very much a member of the establishment upper classes. Earlier in his career he was one of Britain's youngest MPs, serving as a junior member of govt.

The other key difference is that Mosley received support from key pillars of establishment, including *Daily Mail* owner Viscount Rothermere, who in 1934 praised the fascist leader's violent supporters in a bylined article titled "Hurrah for the blackshirts!"

Today's demonstrators receive no such well-heeled support as they smash shop windows and throw bollards at police. Two of the most prominent backers are Laurence Fox, an actor shunned by his contemporaries because of his right-wing views and Tommy Robinson, a rabble rouser facing arrest in Britain for his libellous views. He has spent the duration of the latest disturbances pontificating on the evils of unbridled immigration on his sun lounger at a five-star resort in Cyprus.

The fact that rioters today have received no support at all from mainstream British parties is significant

and has been the case in many other disturbances on Britain's streets in recent decades. I can remember working as a cub reporter for *Kensington and Chelsea Times* in 1980s, in an area of London where extremely affluent areas are situated alongside pockets of relative deprivation. When rioting broke out in North Kensington, wealthy inhabitants of nearby Chelsea were bemused as to its cause. We were tempted to run a facetious headline "Riots in Kensington—consentation in Chelsea".

But there is a serious point here. In UK today, there is much middle class misunderstanding of the miseries endured by Britain's underclass, afflicted by generational unemployment, poverty, boredom and little hope for the future. The underlying message behind the overturned cars, looted shops and attacks on hotels accommodating asylum seekers is that no one is listening to us and we're frustrated. While the vast majority of British middle classes disdain violence—hence the endless condemnation from all politicians and sundry for the recent disturbances—there is a degree of confusion as to the cause.

"And yet," as Brendan O'Neill wrote in a recent column of *The Spectator*, "condemnation is not enough. It's the easy bit. Firing off tweets about 'sickening' riots is a breeze in comparison with the far harder task that now confronts us—which is to tease out the origins of this rage. To ask why people seem so cross. To inquire—seriously—into the febrile atmosphere that has befallen certain working-class communities."

O'Neill goes on to allude to the double standards

that have crept into the discussion following events in the Merseyside town of Southport, where a teenage loner—wrongly characterised as a Muslim immigrant—launched a frenzied attack at a children's holiday club that left three girls dead.

This is the idea that police are more lenient when confronted with some forms of violent protest, than they are with others. He contrasts the Harehills riots in Leeds, where largely immigrant communities fought with police over the removal of four Roma children from their family, with anti-immigrant protests that have blighted UK in recent weeks.

He argues that there was "a palpable strain of empathy" in the Harehills media coverage towards the Roma family that is not evident in other protests. "X/Twitter is awash with haughty condemnations of these dumb thugs," O'Neill writes, "these trackie-wearing oafs, these 'racists' who were likely programmed to hate by lies they read online... But to my mind, what we are witnessing is not only an uprising of bigots but something else: people's sense that no one listens to them, or gives a damn about them. It's this that makes them seethe."

Oswald Mosley realised this in the 1930s: "Fascism was an explosion against intolerable conditions, against remediable wrongs which the old world failed to remedy," he wrote. "It was a movement to secure national renaissance by people who felt themselves threatened with decline into decadence and death and were determined to live, and live greatly."

So history repeats itself—but only partially. The writer is a former BBC journalist



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Wearry of
struggles,
I, the great
rebel,
Shall rest in
quiet only
when I find
The sky
and the air free of the piteous
groans of the oppressed.
Kazi Nazrul Islam

Why We Must Prune Our Flawed Identities

Pulkit Sharma

Who am I? If we ask ourselves this question, multiple answers might pop up:

a man, a woman, or a transgender; a traditionalist or a modernist; a believer or an atheist; an achiever, a struggler, or a complete failure; a techie or a neophyte; a dreamer, an idealist or a realist. The list could go on covering different aspects, stages and zones of our life. A large part of our existence goes by in searching for such potential identities, nurturing them, working hard to shape them and once they are formed, we let ourselves be defined and guided by these identities.

Our identity is a complex set of physical, cognitive, emotional, social and cultural attributes that define us in a unique manner. Psychologists believe

that there are some benefits to having a clear and strong sense of identity. First and foremost, it gives us some idea of our likes and dislikes and what we want from our life. Based on this we can create aspirations, set our long-term goals, get down to achieving them and consequently derive some sense of fulfilment, meaning and self-worth. When we are firmly rooted in our identity, we develop efficient interpersonal and social relationships based on our preferences and values. Identity also gives us a sense of constancy and continuity. There are times when things around us turn chaotic, but even then, our sense of self remains somewhat stable. At the level of civilisation, our identities help us in cherishing our

regional, linguistic, religious, cultural and historical heritage and motivate us in preserving and rebuilding them.

But there is also a flip side to our identity, which is neither well understood nor talked about. Our identity can limit us, confine us, make us biased and cause immense suffering. When we identify with something, we get deeply attached to it and if that thing were to change or become meaningless, some of us are unable to cope with the loss. Consequently, we either lose our self-confidence or sacrifice our self-growth in order to maintain a false sense of identity. Think of a man who believes that being a CEO of a blue-chip company is his identity. As long as the company thrives and he is successful, he feels confident, elated

and relevant. But if the company heads to a decline or if he encounters a series of setbacks and has to resign from the job, he may lose all his self-worth, happiness and start feeling like a nonentity.

What we don't understand is that we are an infinite consciousness, a state far enormous, creative, and richer than these flawed identities. When we learn to go past our surface layers, into the depths of our being, we realise that we are complete within ourselves and do not need any external anchors to validate and consolidate our sense of self. Consequently, we can continue our participation in life and take on different roles, playing them impeccably but not getting attached to them, and it is this way of life that gives us an authentic sense of Self.

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THE SPEAKING TREE

As India aims to be a developed nation by 2047, where will the country be placed in terms of health cover for senior citizens compared to peers



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Smartphone share in Q1: Xiaomi pips Samsung in India

New Delhi: Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi has pipped Samsung to lead the India smartphone market with 19.3% volume share in Q2 2024, a report said on Tuesday. According to CyberMedia Research's India Mobile Handset Market Review Report for April-June, the India smartphone market declined 4% and the overall mobile phone shipment decreased 3% YoY. "Xiaomi (19.3%), Samsung (18.5%) and Vivo (17%) captured the top three spots in Q2 2024, followed by Realme (13%)," the report said. AGENCIES



Gold demand to cross 750 tonne, says WGC

Chennai: India's gold demand will touch upward of 750 tonne this year, said Sachin Jain, regional CEO, India, World Gold Council. In 2023, the gold demand was 761 tonnes. "Q4 will be one of strongest quarters for gold. We think it will be over 750 tonne," he said. TNN

Insurance premium based on driving skill

Mumbai: Zuno General Insurance has introduced a new automobile coverage option where the premium is based on the quality of driving. A mobile app will capture telematics data, such as acceleration and braking to determine the quality of driving. TNN

TVS Motor reports 23% growth in Q1 PAT

Chennai: TVS Motor Company posted a 23% growth in Profit after Tax (PAT) at Rs 577 crore in Q1 2025 against Rs 468 crore during Q1 last year. Its revenue from operations in Q1 FY25 stood at Rs 8,376 crore, a 16% rise from Rs 7,218 crore in the year ago quarter. TNN

Sebi tweaks norms for REITs, InvITs

New Delhi: In an attempt to promote ease of doing business, Sebi on Tuesday tweaked the framework involving the nomination rights of unitholders of real estate investment trusts (REITs) and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) to appoint directors. AGENCIES

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Small buys & small towns drive fashion biz

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Mumbai: India's smaller urban centres and rural regions are driving the growth of the \$130-billion lifestyle market, about 80% of which is led by the fashion segment that includes apparel, footwear and accessories.

Urban regions beyond the top 50 cities and rural collectively account for about 67% or two-thirds of lifestyle consumption in the country, which is home to a large cohort of young Gen Z shoppers, according to a joint report by Bain and Myntra. Online platforms have played their fair share in democratising access for consumers — about 50% of more than 175 million

SP Group offers 6x security cover for ₹15,000cr PFC loan

Collateral: Mistrys' Tata Sons Shares, Land Parcels in Mumbai

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The Shapoorji Palonji Group has offered a security cover exceeding six times the loan value of Rs 15,000 crore it will obtain from state-owned Power Finance Corporation.

The group, helmed by Shapoor Mistry, has provided land parcels in Mumbai and other places, and a portion of Tata Sons shares owned by the promoters, as collateral against the loan amount sanctioned by the PFC board on June 14. The Rs 15,000 crore loan will be used to refinance existing liabilities of promoter entities as well as to retire debts of group operating companies. "The cash flows from the real estate franchise will ensure a full repayment of the loan over the tenor (of three years)," said SP Group director (realestate) Venkatesh Gopalakrishnan. At the promoter level, the debt is around Rs 25,000 crore.

PFC will have a lien on the incomes of Porteast — a speci-

Mistrys Get Time To Build Realty Projects, Pare Debt

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prohibit such a move but can be pledged to raise money. In the past too, the SP Group had offered Tata Sons shares (Mistry family holds 18.4% in the holding company of the Tata Group) as collateral to secure loans from financial institutions. The over 160-year-old SP Group has been servicing its liabilities from its cash flows and proceeds from asset sales. It has sold its data centre construction business, port facility, among others, as part

of its monetisation efforts to pare debt. It is in the midst of taking one of its companies, Afcons Infrastructure, public. In March 2024, Afcons had filed IPO documents to raise Rs 7,000 crore. The group's real estate franchise plans to develop some of the land parcels it owns in major cities. The Rs 15,000 crore PFC loan gives SP Group the time to implement its ongoing real estate projects as well as to pare debt.

PFC has sanctioned about Rs 82,000 crore to the infrastructure sector as of March 31, 2024. SP Group has been working with PFC over the last nine months to craft a "unique proposal that has a twin security structure leveraging the strength of our large real estate franchise, as well as a portion of the Tata Sons shares owned by the Mistry family. This provides a security value in excess of six times of the loan value," said Gopalakrishnan, adding that "The entire proposal has been validated by reputed third party consultants."

SBI MD Setty to succeed Khara as chairman

C S Setty's Tenure Will Be For 3 Years Starting From Aug 28

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: SBI MD Challa Sreenivasulu Setty will take over as chairman of co-nature's largest bank on Aug 28 for three years, succeeding Dinesh Khara, whose extended term ends this month.

One of the four MDs at the public sector bank, Setty heads international banking, global markets and technology departments of the bank.

Setty (58) began his career with the bank in 1988 as a probationary officer. Govt announced Setty's appointment on Tuesday after the appointments committee of the Cabinet approved the department of financial services' proposal. The Financial Services Institutions Bureau had recommended Setty as chairman after interviewing three candidates on June 29. The other two candidates were SBI MDs Ashwini Kumar Tewari and Vinay Tonse.

Setty's elevation comes at a time when the bank is undergoing a digital transformation, and profits and asset quality are at all-time high levels. Motilal Oswal had in a report highlighted the turnaround of the bank in the last six years from a loss of Rs 6,500 crore in FY18 to profit of Rs 61,100 crore in FY24. "We note that cumulative profit of bank over the past three years (FY22-24) is equivalent to what the bank earned in the prior 20 years combined," report said.

JOINED SBI 35 YRS AGO

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Setty holds a BSc in agriculture and is a certified associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers. Before becoming MD in 2020, Setty held several key positions at SBI, including deputy MD of the stressed assets resolution group, chief GM in the corporate accounts group, and VP and head of syndications at SBI's New York branch. Initially, as MD, he led retail & digital banking verticals before taking on his current responsibilities. Setty's term as MD was extended by two years in Jan 2023.

At the same time, SBI deputy MD Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh has been promoted as MD. Singh is currently in charge of retail, personal banking, and real estate. Singh joined the bank as a probationary officer in 1991 and has held various roles over his 32-year career.

B'desh crisis boosts shares of Indian textile makers

Indian textile makers' shares surged on bets they stand to gain from a political turmoil in Bangladesh that threatens to disrupt supply chains.

Bangladesh's textile exporters face the risk of losing business amid political instability that saw violent protests forcing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to flee the country on Monday.

The stocks of Indian manufacturers including KPR Mill, Arvind, Gokaldas Exports, Vardhman Textiles, and Welspun Living all jumped more than 10% in Mumbai, on expectations of a higher market share.

Bangladesh's textile exporters face the risk of losing business amid political instability

Bangladesh has enjoyed rapid growth in its exports of ready-made garments and other textile products, making it the second-largest exporter of such products in the world behind only China. The country's textile exports were worth \$45 billion in 2022, more than double that of India.

"If there are frequent disruptions to the supply chains in Bangladesh then global buyers may look at alternatives," said Prerna Jhunjhunwala, an analyst at Elara Securities Ltd. "Indian players are well poised to take market share in that case as they have vertically integrated capacity to service the needs of global companies."

Bangladesh's military has promised to install a new interim government in the country after Hasina, one of Asia's longest-serving leaders, resigned and fled the country amid protests that left scores of people dead. BLOOMBERG

Tata Power to buy 40% in Bhutan hydro project

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Tata Power will buy a 40% stake in a hydro power project in Bhutan for Rs 830 crore as part of its plans to ramp up its green energy portfolio.

The project, entailing a capacity of 600 MW will require an investment of Rs 6,900 crore. Once the stake purchase is completed, Khorlochhu Hydro Power will become an associate company of Tata Power. Tata Power will partner with Druk Green Power to develop the 600 MW station. "This project will support Tata Power to accelerate its clean and green energy transition," the company said.

Separately, Tata Power said it will terminate its global depository shares (GDS) from the Luxembourg stock exchange due to "no activity

Suzlon to buy 76% in Renom for ₹660cr

New Delhi: Suzlon Energy board on Tuesday said it will acquire a 76% stake in Renom Energy Services for Rs 660 crore in two tranches from Sanjay Ghodawat Group.

The first tranche involves acquisition of a 51% stake for Rs 400 crore. It will acquire an additional 25% within 18 months from the acquisition of the first tranche for a consideration of Rs 260 crore. Suzlon Group executed definitive agreements for acquisition of a 76% stake in Renom Energy Services in two tranches, from Sanjay Ghodawat Group (SGG). AGENCIES

for the past several years". The company had issued GDS in 1994 and had appointed Citibank as the exclusive depository for this programme.

"Considering that there has been no activity for the past several years and this will simplify the company's financial reporting requirements and reduction in administrative costs, it has been decided to terminate the GDS programme and its en-

agement with Citibank. The company will take necessary steps to terminate the GDS programme and consequently the GDS will be delisted from the Luxembourg stock exchange," Tata Power said in a regulatory filing.

Meanwhile, Tata Power posted a 4% rise in Q1 FY25 profit to Rs 1,189 crore and a 12% increase in revenue during the same period to Rs 16,810 crore.

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SigTuple raises ₹33 cr led by Sidbi Ventures

Bengaluru: Bengaluru-based medtech startup SigTuple has raised Rs 33 crore led by SIDBI Venture Capital, with participation from existing investors including Endiya Partners, and a few strategic leaders from the healthcare sector. The team will deploy the funds to expand its geographical footprint, product portfolio, and accelerate regulatory clearances.

Its flagship product, AI100, automates the inefficient and error-prone manual microscopic review process for the most common tests—blood and urine. It makes the life of the pathologist easier and drives improved patient outcomes. It offers a combined hardware and software solution where the hardware is an automated slide scanner, capable of converting physical specimens into digital images. The AI platform analyses these images and provides clinical insights into the sample, which brings down slide review time for the pathologist.

Last year, AI100 received US FDA 510(k) approval, making SigTuple the third company globally—and the first in India—to achieve this for AI-assisted digital haematology. SigTuple's product roadmap has significant developments ahead. The company is set to launch a next-generation product that automates all manual microscopy in clinical labs, surpassing the AI100. TNN

'Tax amendment is poised to drive investments'

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In fact, the change in the capital gains tax formula for real estate almost ended up burying the gain of Rs 17,500 that would accrue to the taxpayer following the change in slabs under the new tax regime, which was also part of the budget.

"Govt has given even better relief and allowed people to choose what is best for them. It has sought to ensure that under no circumstance is anyone worse off," said Sudhir Kapadia, senior adviser, tax and regulatory services, at consulting firm EY India.

In recent years govt has opted to "grandfather" tax changes, allowing the new rules to apply prospectively, but this was one rare instance of the Centre seeking to implement changes which did not give individuals time to adjust, especially in an as-

Uber revenue up 16% to \$11bn in Q2

Uber's second-quarter results beat Wall Street estimates on the back of steady demand for its ride-sharing and food-delivery services, sending the company's shares up 5% on Tuesday. Uber's revenue rose 16% to \$10.7 billion in the second quarter ending June, while gross bookings increased 19% to \$39.9 billion. Analysts had expected \$10.57 billion and \$39.68 billion, respectively, according to LSEG data. The company reported a profit of 47 cents per share, beating estimates of 31 cents. Revenue from the company's ride-sharing segment rose 25%. REUTERS

set class where there is a time lag between the time a transaction is executed and the actual registration of the sale deed.

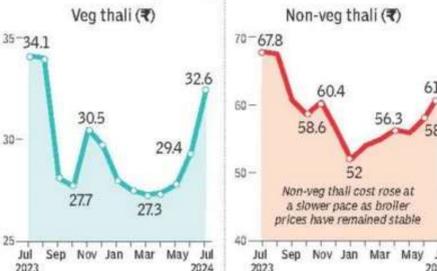
"By enabling taxpayers to choose the lower tax burden between the new and old schemes, the amendment is poised to drive investment and enhance sales across housing segments. We are grateful for the FM's forward-thinking approach in

implementing these beneficial measures," said Niranjan Hiranandani, chairman of the Hiranandani Group and NAREDCO, the industry lobby group.

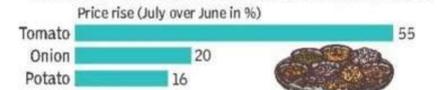
Separately, govt will also provide that unlisted securities or shares sold between April 1 and July 23, 2024 will attract 10% tax and that only after July 23 will the new rate of 12.5% capital gains be implemented.

Your Thali Turns Costlier In July: Report

Cost of a veg and non-veg thali increased 11% and 6% month-on-month, respectively



What's leading to sequential increase in veg thali prices



Why the rise in prices of some food items

- > High temperatures impacted tomato crop in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh; Scattered rainfall in US escalated whitefly infestations, impacting crop output
- > Lower rabi production impacted onion prices
- > Late blight infestation in Punjab, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh affected the potato output

Note: A veg thali comprises roti, vegetables (onion, tomato and potato), rice, dal, curd and salad. A non-veg thali has the same elements except for dal, which is replaced by chicken (broiler); broiler prices for July 2024 are estimated figures; weightage of ingredients does not vary based on volatility in commodity prices Source: Crisil

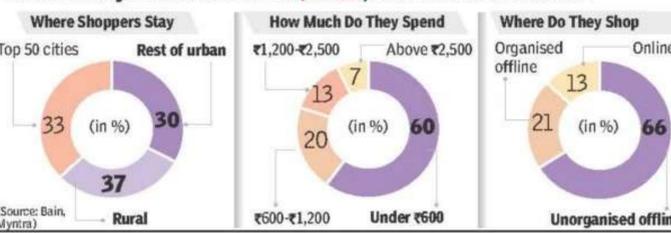
Sensex recovers from Monday meltdown

Mumbai: After Monday's sharp sell-off in the stock market, the Sensex and Nifty recovered some ground in early trade on Tuesday, helped mainly by a global recovery. However, the recovery was short-lived and finally the indices settled marginally lower as selling pressure increased late in the session.

The Sensex closed 166 points down at 78,593 points while Nifty was down 63 points at 23,993 points. "The domestic market tried to rebound mirroring the Asian markets. However, momentum was short-lived," said Vinod Nair of Geojit Financial Services. "Investors are watching the appreciating (Japanese) Yen, weak US economic data, and rising geopolitical tensions. They are now exercising caution and shifting towards defensive sectors such as FMCG, IT and pharma. Nonetheless, the market is looking forward to the decline of crude prices and potential rate cuts by the US Fed." TNN

2 OF 3 SHOPPERS FROM BEYOND TOP 50 CITIES

India's lifestyle market is worth \$130bn, 80% of which is fashion



e-shoppers come from households with an annual income of less than Rs 10 lakh. Two in three of them come from beyond the top 50 cities. "Online shopping is filling up the access gap. Consumers sitting in beyond the top 50 cities have the same exposure to brands and trends as their metro and tier one counterparts. As consumers become more comfortable, they are buying products across multiple categories and for different occasions. About 40% of our sales from international brands come from tier two plus citi-

es," Myntra CEO Nandita Sinha told TOI. The lifestyle market is expected to touch \$210 billion by 2028 from about \$130 billion currently. The online lifestyle segment, which is pegged at \$16-17 billion, is estimated to grow to \$40-45 billion by 2028 as the market is still underpenetrated at 13% (of the total market), leaving enough room for growth.

"Because of the low penetration base that we have in e-commerce shopping for fashion, there is an opportunity for us to grow beyond the inflationary pressures that the overall market (fashion industry) is seeing," said Sinha. For Myntra, markets like Jaipur, Patna, and Guwahati are growing very well.



JENNIFER LOPEZ STALLING DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS AS SHE FEELS BEN AFFLECK 'HUMILIATED' HER: REPORTS

KENDALL JENNER COMPARES LIFE TO 'HANNAH MONTANA' TV SHOW: 'HANDLED VERY ADULT THINGS AT YOUNG AGE'



The day after, celebration & chaos on streets of B'desh

Youth Dreams Of Better Future; In Satkhira, 596 Prisoners Escape

AKM Moinuddin & Agencies

Dhaka: A day after the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh's parliament in capital Dhaka was busy with protesters coming to celebrate.

"It's the freedom of the young generation," said student Parvez Hossain, 30, among the crowds in front of the building, which was empty of lawmakers after parliament was dissolved on Tuesday. Protesters had stormed the building on Monday, jumping on tables and setting off what appeared to be smoke bombs.



People gather at the entrance of the parliament building in Dhaka

Hossain spoke of his hope for a new start and idealism for a better future. "Now we have regained the freedom of Bangladesh. We want to build the country in a new way again." The unrest began last month with student-led protests against govt job quotas and escalated into mass demonstrations calling for Hasina, who had been in office since 2009, to quit.

But while busy streets and open shops in Dhaka gave the initial appearance that daily life was nearly back to business as usual, at least 10 people were killed on Tuesday, and security remained a concern. The charred ruins of offices of the former governing party Awami League and looted houses of those seen loyal to Hasina showed the scale of bitter violence in the chaos at the end of her rule.

24 burnt alive, toll now 440

The death toll in the violence climbed to 440, with 100 more deaths reported after Hasina fled the country, according to local media. At least 24 people were burnt alive on Monday night in a hotel owned by a leader of Awami League of in western Jashor district, hospital sources told PTI. The victims, mostly boarders, included an Indonesian national.

Hundreds of Hindu houses, businesses and temples have been vandalised since Hasina's ouster, a community association said. The EU heads of mission in Dhaka appealed to all parties to exercise restraint and reject communal violence.



Murals of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman vandalised



A man sells snacks as people visit the vandalised house of Sheikh Hasina



Smoke billows near burnt Awami League office



A volunteer manages road traffic in Dhaka

A police station that was burnt down by mob

Prisoners flee, cops attacked

In the southwestern district of Satkhira, 596 prisoners and detainees escaped from a jail after an attack on the facility Monday. The Bangladesh Police Association said it was launching a strike across the country because of a lack of security after numerous police stations were attacked and "many" officers were killed, though it didn't give any number of the dead. It said officers would not return to work unless their safety is assured. The association also apologised for violent police attacks on student protesters, saying officers had been

"forced to open fire" and had been cast as the "villain."

Military reshuffle

On the first day after the fall of Hasina's govt, a tense atmosphere prevailed at the Secretariat, the Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported. Attendance in the ministry offices was significantly low, and ministers and MPs were notably absent.

The military reshuffled several generals, demoting some seen as close to Hasina, and sacking Ziaul Ahsan, a commander of the feared and US-sanctioned Rapid Action Battalion paramilitary force.

Calmer streets

The streets of Dhaka appeared calmer, with no reports of new violence as jubilant protesters thronged Hasina's resi-

dence. Some posed for selfies with soldiers guarding the building, where a day earlier angry protesters had looted furniture, paintings, flowerpots and chickens. The capital's main airport resumed operations after an 8-hour suspension.

Garment factories, which supply apparel to some of the world's top brands and are a mainstay of the economy, will reopen on Wednesday after being shut due to the disruptions.

US visa status unknown

Meanwhile, there has been speculation that the US has revoked the visas of Hasina, her sister Sheikh Rehana, and her ministers and officials. When asked by journalists, a spokesperson at the US embassy in Dhaka said: "Visa records are confidential under US law."

Former PM Khaleda Zia freed after Hasina flees

Dhaka: Bangladesh's first female leader Khaleda Zia was freed from house arrest on Tuesday, a day after her nemesis Sheikh Hasina quit as premier and fled, one more twist to the decades-old saga of the "Battle of the Begums" for control of Bangladesh. Prez Mohammed Shahabuddin's office said that Khaleda, chief of the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, had been freed after discussions with defence chiefs and politicians.

Between them, Hasina, 76, and Khaleda, 78, have dominated the country since 1991, alternating in power.

Sheikh Hasina led the Awami League of her father, state founder Mujibur Rahman, who was assassinated in 1975. Khaleda took over the BNP from her husband Ziaur Rahman, killed in 1981. Their feud, known as the "Battle of the Begums" using the South Asian honorific for a woman of high rank, has loomed over Bangladeshi politics for decades.

Since Hasina emerged victorious in 2009, Khaleda had faced an array of criminal charges and jail, receding from public life and leaving her exiled eldest son in charge as acting

chief of her political movement. Born on Aug 15, 1945, she now has liver disease, diabetes and heart problems, according to her doctors.

Popularly known by her first name, Khaleda was widely seen as a shy wife and devoted mother until her husband was assassinated in an attempted army coup in 1981.

Plunging into politics, she became head of her husband's conservative BNP three years later, vowing to deliver on his aim of "liberating Bangladesh from poverty and economic backwardness".

She and Hasina joined

hands to lead a popular uprising for democracy that toppled military ruler Hossain Mohammad Ershad from power in 1990. But political rivalry embittered the relationship, fuelling a feud ever since.

In 1991 Bangladesh held what was hailed as its first free election. Khaleda won a surprise victory over Hasina, having gained the support of Islamic political allies. In doing so, she became Bangladesh's first female prime minister, only the second woman to lead a democratic government of a mainly Muslim nation after Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto. AFP

CrowdStrike sued by flyers over July outage that disrupted travel

CrowdStrike's legal troubles from last month's massive global computer outage deepened on Monday, as the cybersecurity firm was sued by air travellers whose flights were delayed or cancelled.

In a proposed class action filed in the Austin, Texas, federal court, three fliers blamed CrowdStrike's negligence in testing and deploying its software for the outage, which also disrupted banks, hospitals and emergency lines around the world.

The plaintiffs said that as fliers scrambled to get to their destinations, many spent hundreds of dollars on lodging, meals and alternative travel, while others missed work or suffered health problems from having to sleep on the airport floor. CrowdStrike said: "We believe this case lacks merit." The outage stemmed from a flawed software update that crashed over 8 billion computers. Delta airlines has said it may take legal action against CrowdStrike after cancelling over 6,000 flights, at a cost of \$500 million. REUTERS

Man seriously hurt in Belfast 'race hate crime' in fresh unrest in UK

London: The UK govt said on Tuesday that 6,000 specialist police were ready to deal with far-right rioting after another night of destructive troubles across cities. There has been a week of nightly riots in various cities since three children were killed in a mass stabbing.

On Monday, six more were arrested and several police officers injured when they were attacked by rioters hurling bricks and fireworks in Plymouth, southern England.

Officers in Belfast, Northern Ireland, were attacked as rioters attempted to set fire to a shop owned by a foreign national. Police said a man in his 30s was seriously assaulted and that they are treating the incident as a racially motivated hate crime.

A group of men who gathered in Birmingham to counter a rumoured far-right demonstration, forced a Sky News reporter off air shouting: "Free Palestine".

She was then followed by a man in a balaclava holding a knife. Another reporter said he was chased by mem-



Children attend a vigil held for knife attack victims in Southport

bers of the group "with what looked like a weapon", while police said there had also been incidents of criminal damage to a pub and a car.

Unrest broke out last Tuesday after three children were killed at a Taylor Swift-themed dance class in Southport. Justice minister Heidi Alexander told BBC Radio 4 that the govt had freed up an extra 500 prison places to accommodate those engaged in violence. She also said 6,000

specialist police officers have been drafted to deal with the violence. PM Starmer again sought to reassure the nation that action was being taken.

Mobs threw bricks and flares, attacked police, burnt and looted shops, smashed the windows of cars and homes and targeted at least two hotels housing asylum seekers at the weekend. The National Police Chiefs' Council said Monday that 378 people had so far been arrested. AFP

Kamala waltzes to the left by choosing progressive Tim Walz as running mate

Popular For Punchlines, Minnesota Gov's 'Weird' Label For Trumpists Was Viral

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Kamala Harris on Tuesday chose Tim Walz, the progressive Democrat governor of Minnesota, as her running mate for the 2024 prez election, doubling down on the left-liberal orientation of the ticket. Walz, a 60-year-old former military veteran, teacher and father of two, was Harris' eventual pick over Pennsylvania governor Josh Shapiro, who was an odds-on favourite for his more centrist stand, but whose pro-Israel leanings appear to have gone against him.

"I am proud to announce that I've asked @Tim_Walz to be my running mate. As a governor, a coach, a teacher, and a veteran, he's delivered for working families like his. It's great to have him on the team," Harris wrote on social media. "It is the honor of a lifetime to join @kamalaharris in this campaign. I'm all in. Vice President Harris is showing us the politics of what's possible. It reminds me a bit of first day of school," Walz responded.

A balding avuncular man with bushy white eyebrows, Walz is little known nationally, but has become a social media celebrity in recent days for his scorching, rapid-fire and caustic attack on Trump Republicans, including caricaturing them as "weird". He has generated more punchlines in a few weeks than most politicians do in a lifetime, including predicting that Trump will "have his ass handed to him" by a black woman in 2024. He is also avowedly progressive, having codified into law in Minnesota the



THE LIBERAL TICKET: Kamala Harris' V-P pick Tim Walz is avowedly progressive, having codified into law in Minnesota the right to abortion, universal free school meals and legalised recreational marijuana

Virginia man held for death threats to Kamala

A Virginia man has been charged with posting repeated death threats against V-P Kamala Harris on social media in the days after she became the presumptive Democratic nominee for prez. The man, Frank Lucio Carillo, was arrested Friday. The felony charge carries a maximum sentence of up to five years in prison. The arrest came after the FBI discovered nearly 20 threats against Harris from an account linked to Carillo on the social media site GETTR. The threats included promises to kill Harris and her family, to pluck out her eyes with pliers and to burn her alive. The FBI found that Carillo had also written "numerous other posts about firearms and shooting people" and had also made threats against, among others, Muslims, "illegals" and PM Justin Trudeau of Canada. In Feb, Carillo said in a post that he had an AR-15 assault rifle, "LOCKED AND LOADED". As FBI searched Carillo's home last week, federal agents recovered a pistol and an AR-15. They also found thousands of rounds of ammo. NYT

right to abortion, universal free school meals regardless of income, legalised recreational marijuana and giving voting rights to former prisoners.

He has also won several elections in Minnesota, which is often said to be the reddest blue state (or bluest red state) in the country because it has elected Republican governors and senators as well as the GOP majorities in both state legislative chambers — except when it comes to presidential elections, where it last voted Republican (Richard Nixon) in 1972. Walz also has Washington DC

experience, having been a five-term congressman before resigning from the House of Representatives in 2019 after being elected Minnesota governor.

Expectedly, Trump Republicans immediately jumped on Walz record, of which he is unapologetic, calling him "radical" and "dangerously liberal", as they have done with Kamala Harris. They reminded voters that Walz was the governor during the Minneapolis riots, and accused him of adopting a state flag similar to Somalia's and providing drivers license for illegal aliens in Minnesota.

Indeed, the shadow of the West Asia conflict hung over Kamala's decision, given that Shapiro, an observant Jew, was seen as strongly pro-Israel, with a stand that was seen as putting off young American voters agitated by Israel's actions. On the flip side, some commentators see her choosing Walz over Shapiro as endangering her winning Pennsylvania, a crucial battleground state with 19 electoral votes that are crucial to reaching the 270 needed to winning the presidency.

Shapiro, however, took the rejection like a sport, at least publicly. "My work here in Pennsylvania is far from finished — there is a lot more stuff I want to get done. Over the next 90 days, I look forward to travelling all across the state to unite Pennsylvanians behind my friends Kamala Harris and Tim Walz and defeat Donald Trump," he said in a statement.

Prez Joe Biden Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi among other party veterans also welcomed the choice of Walz as the vice-presidential nominee, noting his progressive credentials.

Both Shapiro and Walz are scheduled to appear with Harris at a rally on Tuesday evening in Pennsylvania, followed by events in six other competitive states — Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona and Nevada — in the run-up to the Democratic convention in Chicago on Aug 19. Harris formally secured Democratic presidential nomination on Monday, becoming the first woman of colour to win a major party's nomination

WEST ASIA ON BOIL

5 US troops and 2 contractors hurt in rocket attack at Iraq base

Washington: Five US service members and two contractors were injured when two rockets hit a military base in Iraq, US officials said Tuesday, providing a bit more detail about the Monday strike. The officials said five of those injured were being treated at the al-Asad airbase and two were evacuated, but all seven are in stable condition. They did not provide details on who was evacuated.

The rocket attack is the latest in what has been an uptick in strikes on US forces by Iranian-backed militias. A Pentagon statement on a call between defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and his Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant described the rocket fire as an "Iran-aligned militia attack on US forces" and said the two agreed that it "marked a dangerous escalation". AGENCIES

Nasrallah: Hezbollah and Iran 'obliged to respond' to killings of Haniyeh & Shukur

Beirut: Hezbollah's chief said Tuesday his group and Iran were "obliged to respond" to Israel "whatever the consequences" after the killings last week of Hezbollah military commander Fuad Shukur and Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh. Iran "finds itself obliged to respond, and the enemy is waiting in a great state of dread", Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised address, adding his group was also "obliged to respond". Hezbollah will retaliate "alone or in the context of a unified response from all the axis of Iran-backed groups in the region, whatever the consequences," he added. "Our response is coming." AFP

DAILY PLANET

Meloni says set an example for mothers by taking daughter to China on official trip

Italian PM Giorgia Meloni said taking her seven-year-old daughter on an official visit to China set a good example that should help advance the rights of working mothers. In an interview with lifestyle magazine Chi, she said there had been a lot of debate in Italy after being pictured hand-in-hand with her daughter Ginevra as they left the plane in Beijing to be

Hamas names Gaza chief Yahya Sinwar new political chief

Hamas named Gaza Strip chief Yahya Sinwar as its new political chief Tuesday, after his predecessor Ismail Haniyeh's was killed. "The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas announces the selection of leader Yahya Sinwar as the head of the political bureau of the movement," a statement from the group said. Minutes after the announcement, Hamas armed wing, the Ezzedine Al-Qassam Brigades, said it fired a barrage of rockets from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. AFP

Indian-American judge Amit Mehta rules Pichai-led Google a monopoly

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Gujarat-born US judge Amit Mehta and two other principals from the subcontinent are at the centre of a technology, media, and political maelstrom following a major court ruling on Tuesday that Google acted illegally to maintain primacy in online searches.

In the case first filed during the Trump presidency, the department of justice accused Google of spending billions of dollars each year on securing contracts with Apple, Samsung and others to ensure that it remained the default search engine on their devices. Judge Mehta substantially agreed with the argument in what is considered the biggest antitrust ruling in a quarter century with the potential to shake up the internet and the tech world.

"Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly," he wrote in his 277-page ruling on Tuesday. Google "enjoys an 89.2% share of the market for general search services, which increases to 94.9% on mobile devices," Judge Mehta said. Google's inroads into the media advertising market has nearly destroyed the legacy media in the US and across the world.

Judge Mehta, an Obama appointee to the US district court for Washington DC, was born in Gujarat's Patan before his parents emigrated to the US. Google's CEO is Madurai-born Sundar Pichai. The third player in the case is London-born Pakistani-American Lina Khan, who heads the Federal Trade Commission, and was nominated to the post by President Joe Biden in 2022.

The case against Google was brought by the US justice department during the final months of the Trump administration in Oct 2020, with the argument that Google's practice of paying web browser companies hefty sums to be the default search engine was anti-competitive. Although he accuses the Biden-Harris duo of pursuing a radical-left agenda, Trump and his supporters are also deeply distrustful of Google, seeing it as a socialist cat's paw and alleging that it manipulates search to show him in poor light and suppresses positive information.

While the Google ruling may please Trump, Mehta has also been at the centre of other cases where his rulings went against the ex-prez. In 2022, he rejected Trump's claim of "absolute immunity" from lawsuits relating to the Jan 6 Capitol attack, and earlier this year, he sentenced an ex-Trump adviser to 4 months in jail for contempt of Congress after defying a subpoena related to the congressional probe into the attack. Ironically, it is now supporters of Kamala Harris who are now raging at the Mehta ruling, and demanding that Lina Khan be fired if Democrats return to office.

Trump supporters, meanwhile, are calling the former prez a "Google slayer", and are calling the company "the evil death star of Silicon Valley". The ruling represents a major setback for Google which had argued that its popularity stemmed from consumers' overwhelming desire to use a search engine so good that it has become synonymous with looking things up online. Google's search engine currently processes an estimated 8.5 billion queries per day worldwide, giving it unprecedented dominance over other search engines.

People view a new artwork by the British artist Banksy in London

every mother had to choose what was right for their child. "I think that if I, as PM, manage to show that my role is compatible with motherhood, then there will no longer be excuses for those who use motherhood as an excuse not to promote women at work," she added. The rise of Meloni shattered a glass ceiling for Italy's women

'Eat the Rich': Climate activist target Messi's Spanish vacay home

Climate activists on Tuesday spray-painted a mansion on the Spanish holiday island of Ibiza belonging to football star Lionel Messi to highlight the "responsibility of the rich for the climate crisis". Campaigners from the group Futuro Vegetal released a video showing two members standing in front of the house holding a banner that read: "Help the Planet — Eat the Rich — Abolish the Police". Messi bought the property, which includes a spa with a sauna and a cinema room, in 2022 for \$12 million.

AROUND THE WORLD

Owls, with eye tubes instead of eyeballs and unable to move them, have highly flexible necks, enabling a 270-degree head turn for vision. The Times of India is the world's largest-selling English daily

greeted by Chinese officials at the start of the visit. Critics on social media had questioned the decision to expose her daughter to the public spotlight on a high-profile trip, but Meloni said the alternative would have been to leave the girl behind in Italy for the best part of a week. Meloni, who broke up with Ginevra's father last year, said

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TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

CHECKOUT-FREE SHOPPING SYSTEMS POWERED BY AI

Picture yourself strolling through aisles, selecting products, and seamlessly exiting the store without waiting at the checkout queues or cashiers. With advanced AI algorithms, checkout-free shopping systems could track selected items, automatically detecting and billing them through integrated payment gateways. This innovative technology promises not only enhanced convenience for consumers, but also significant operational efficiencies for retailers. By eliminating the need for manual checkout processes, stores can streamline operations,

reduce labour costs, and enhance overall customer satisfaction. In the rapidly evolving landscape of retail, I believe that the integration of AI-powered checkout-free shopping systems holds immense potential to redefine the retail experience in India. While such cutting-edge systems may currently reside in the realm of futuristic imagination, the rapid pace of technological advancement suggests that their emergence in Indian retail is not that far-fetched.

Gaurav Manchanda | FOUNDER & MD, THE ORGANIC WORLD



Tech is core to curing disease



Siemens Healthineers' tech centre in India has over 3,000 engineers and specialists

How some of India's biggest cos deal with AI governance

IndianOil and Vodafone Idea talk about how AI systems can be made reliable, safe and ethical

Akhil George & Shilpa Phadnis | TNN

In the heart of Mumbai's bustling financial district, the offices of Vodafone Idea hum with activity. But it's not just human employees driving the telecommunications giant forward. Artificial intelligence (AI) has become an integral part of the company's operations, from customer service to network management. "We've been an AI and machine learning factory for years," says Hitesh TK, chief information officer at Vodafone Idea. "It's crucial for handling the volume of data generated by our 200-300 million customers."

Across town, at the headquarters of IndianOil, a similar revolution is underway. Suresh Nambiar, executive director of information systems, speaks proudly of the company's AI-driven predictive maintenance systems. "We're using AI to optimise refinery processes and improve supply chain logistics," Suresh says. "It has substantially reduced downtime and enhanced operational efficiency."

These illustrate a significant shift in how the country's largest companies are embracing AI. But as AI's role grows, so does the need for robust governance frameworks to ensure its responsible and ethical use—especially in India's critical industries like telecom and oil & gas.

Rishi Aurora, managing partner at IBM Consulting for India and South Asia, says that 71% of chief executives in India believe that without stable governance, AI models will not be successful.

Strategy group & hackathons At IndianOil, the journey towards

SET UP AI BOARD & COE TO MONITOR AI MODELS

AI governance plays a crucial role in highly regulated, safety-conscious industries like ours. It ensures AI systems are reliable, safe and ethical. At IndianOil, we've implemented AI-driven predictive maintenance systems that analyse sensor data to optimise equipment maintenance. Our approach showcases how integrated governance practices can maximise benefits while mitigating risks, enhancing operational efficiency and establishing a framework for sustainable, ethical AI deployment.

Suresh Nambiar | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INDIANOIL



AI governance is crucial for building trust, as we deal extensively with customer data. Our focus is on protecting privacy in all AI applications. Even for basic tasks like complaint resolution, we ensure we're not revealing exact customer locations. Since 90% of our data is customer-related, we've put maximum focus on having proper responsible AI and carefully balancing customer privacy with technological advancements.

Hitesh TK | CIO, VODAFONE IDEA

Responsible AI is built on certain pillars of trust: explainability, fairness, robustness, transparency, and privacy. For critical industries adopting AI, the first step is automated adoption to eliminate manual errors and to protect against risks. This is followed by organisational governance—establishing checks and balances, having AI boards, and centres of excellence to continuously monitor and govern AI models.

Rishi Aurora | MANAGING PARTNER, IBM CONSULTING, INDIA/SOUTH ASIA



effective AI governance began with their digital transformation initiative. "When we started that transformation in 2019, we engaged a consultant," Suresh says. "We carved out a special purpose vehicle, a Strategic Information Systems group, dedicated to driving the digital transformation of IndianOil." This group,

which started with just four members and has now grown to 30, has been instrumental in implementing AI governance practices across the organisation. One of their key strategies has been to conduct hackathons across the organisation. "We did one for the business intelligence tool, one for the analytics tool, one for mobile tools, and one for generative AI tools, in coordination with Microsoft," Suresh says. These hackathons not only helped identify potential AI use cases, but also fostered a culture of responsible innovation within the company.

Data governance & engineering Hitesh says Vodafone Idea focused heavily on data governance as the foundation of their AI strategy. "We moved from multiple points of data

sources into a single data lake." This consolidation of data sources has been crucial in ensuring the accuracy and reliability of their AI models. Hitesh also emphasises the importance of proper data definition in AI governance. "Three people look at the same data in three different ways," he says. "So, you need to have a proper data definition. Otherwise, a prediction, for example, from a customer service point of view will look accurate, but from a marketing point of view, it may not look so."

To address this challenge and build trust in AI, Hitesh says, they implemented a data engineering process. Both companies have also had to grapple with the challenge of privacy protection, especially in light of India's new Digital Personal Data Protection Act.

Vodafone Idea has had to take this challenge particularly seriously, given the sensitive nature of the customer data they handle. Hitesh's team had to ensure their work processes never store or reveal any personal information of their customers. "Even for basic tasks like complaint resolution, we ensure we're not revealing exact customer locations," he says.

Continuous monitoring and improvement of AI systems is another crucial aspect of governance, especially considering the pace of advancement of AI models. Both companies have implemented processes for regular updates and adaptations to their AI systems.

Building talent, using experts The shortage of skilled talent presents yet another governance challenge. Both Vodafone Idea and IndianOil have implemented extensive training programmes to upskill their existing workforce. "We conducted a mandatory training programme on generative AI for all employees, regardless of their role," Hitesh says. Ensuring that all employees understand the technology they're working with is seen as a key part of a good AI governance strategy.

Despite this, addressing the multifaceted challenges of AI governance requires most enterprises to partner with technology companies like IBM. Suresh says these collaborations bring not only advanced AI tools and platforms, but also valuable expertise in implementation and governance. "Technology players bring a wealth of knowledge and experience. They help us navigate the intricacies of AI development, ensuring our strategies align with best practices and global standards," he says.

As Indian enterprises expand their use of AI, the focus on governance will intensify. Rishi predicts that 2024 will see many pilot projects in AI being converted into full-scale implementations, particularly in areas like finance, talent transformation, and IT modernisation.

How Deena rebooted her career after a burnout

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Deena Sawlani did BE in electronics from Mumbai University and went on to be a technologist with expertise in capital markets, working in the Indian arms of Lehman Brothers, JPMorgan, and Goldman Sachs. She developed products for these investment banks, including trading platforms. Her expertise was in utilising frameworks like Spring, Hibernate, and J2EE to create robust and scalable solutions.

In 2016, after 11 years of intense work, she felt burnt out. She quit her high-paying job, and started a fashion jewellery business. While she was running that business, she had a baby. The child became her priority, and she shut down the jew-

CAREER COMEBACK

ellery business. But that short startup experience had taught her to multitask, she learnt how the new economy worked, and how businesses look at money.

When her son turned 6 months, Deena began to feel the itch to get back to work. She started looking out for jobs at organisations that had programmes for women on a career break. The idea was to not be alone in rebooting her career. "When there are others in the same boat, there's no stigma. Team members would be sensitised about our scenario. Processes are in place to train and ease people into a project," Deena says.

Wells Fargo had such a programme, and it was right up her area



of expertise. She applied and was selected. In the programme, she met other women returning from a break who would share their experiences and how they were coping. During the first month, Deena was asked to work only for 3 hours a day, which increased to 4 hours in the second month, and gradually to 8 hours.

"I wanted to test if my son could stay without me. The gradual increase in time at work helped me and my son. It gave me the confidence that I can manage work," she says. One of her former employers had also offered her a position, but since that would have meant a long

commute to work, she declined the offer. Other companies she interviewed at were not willing to offer the flexibility that the Wells Fargo programme did. Most were also willing to offer only internships, which was a deal breaker for Deena.

At Wells Fargo, catching up on the technical side—developments she had missed during her break—wasn't a big problem. "I work on Java. The only thing I need at any point in time is upskilling—like learning new Java frameworks and libraries, mastering technologies like microservices and cloud computing, improving proficiency in related languages and tools. I will never have a dearth of openings because Java will never be out of fashion. All I ask for is the opportunity to learn," she says.

Deena got to know about the Wells Fargo programme through a former colleague. "It's important to keep in touch with old colleagues, look up LinkedIn to understand what kind of programmes are available. And prepare a good resume," she says.

Those on a career break should be clear about what they want and not compromise. For me, my child is a priority. I wanted to give him time so I took up a job that would allow that. Now, of course, I have a nanny to take care of the child. But it's important for women to build a support system.

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HOW THESE HACKATHON WINNERS USED GENAI



Standing (L-R): Koustubh Tol, Kartikey Gautam, Sunil R Kaushik, Abhay Kumar, Sravan Kumar Medishetty, Pranav Shrivastava and Somesh Lalwani. Sitting (L-R): Ajay Anil Kumar, Naman Singh Charak, Utsav Arora, Swapnil Verma, Subash Natarajan and Eeshan Dhawan

MIQ's annual Hackathon, HackIQ, brought together over 180 participants organised into 27 teams. The marketing intelligence company this time had two tracks—product & technology, and data & analytics. The former focused on automation with GenAI for enhanced ad tech processes, sustainability innovations for reduced carbon footprints and top campaign results and combating ad fraud by developing tools to eliminate MFA and ensure premium ad placement. In the latter track, themes included exploring new ad channels, optimising ad spend for cost efficiency, and innovating for a cookie-less world.

THE WINNING IDEAS

Code Phoenix The problem tackled was one that is familiar to developers: Creating

presentational components takes time, even with an in-house design system and rich component library. The team's simple workflow using GenAI boosts productivity by 20-30%, reduces repetitive work, and improves QA (quality assurance). The live demo, where judges sketched a wireframe and converted it to working React code, clinched the team's success.

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The team developed a comprehensive GenAI application to support market research, aiding the sales team in planning discussions with new clients. Their focus on maximising GenAI capabilities and addressing challenges resulted in a reliable, consistent, structured, and scalable application. The solution can potentially impact MIQ's top and bottom lines.

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN Deeply passionate about STEM

Ushasri Tirumala

In my career, I've encountered many opportunities, challenges, triumphs, and invaluable lessons. With a deep-rooted passion for STEM and a relentless drive to leverage technology for business transformation, I had a clear focus on technology management, strategy, and applications of technology to enterprises.

Began in a PSU | I began as a system engineer at BHEL, honed my skills and gradually grew, eventually finding myself in leadership roles across various organisations. One role I valued a lot was my tenure as a chief technology officer (at Compaq/HP), where I established an advanced technology group. In 2009, I joined Manhattan Associates, a global leader in supply chain commerce solutions, entrusted with steering the strategic direction and growth of the India capability centre.

Pursue your passion | Over the years, I've witnessed the evolution of the IT industry in India, from its nascent stages to becoming a global powerhouse, and I'm proud to have played a small part in its growth. While navigating my career, I've experienced the rapid evolution of multiple technologies and the potential opportunity they present. I've seen that pursuing one's passion consistently paves the path to success. So, I urge all young women to persevere in following their passions, believe in themselves, and not be deterred by temporary challenges.

Find mentors | Networking and mentorship have played a significant role in my journey. As a woman leader, I've been fortunate to have mentors who have supported, and advocated at crucial junctures. I encourage everyone to actively engage in networking opportunities both within and outside of your organisation. It is very helpful to learn perspectives from experts, and valuable insights help in broadening horizons and focusing on the right aspects.

Lead with purpose | My journey as a woman leader in technology management has been defined by passion, perseverance, and a commitment to lead with a purpose. As I continue to learn, inspire, and be inspired by others, I remain steadfast in my belief that diversity and inclusion are fundamental principles for building a brighter, more equitable future.

Ushasri Tirumala is executive VP & general manager at Manhattan Associates

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED



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DATA LAKE

A data lake is a centralised repository that allows you to store all your structured and unstructured data at any scale. It can store raw data in its native format, including structured data from relational databases, semi-structured data like CSV or JSON files, and unstructured data such as emails, documents, and images. Unlike traditional data

warehouses, which store data in files or folders, data lakes use a flat architecture and object storage. This approach enables greater flexibility, scalability, and the ability to perform diverse analytics—from dashboards and visualizations to big data processing, real-time analytics, and machine learning—to guide better decisions and actions.

MICROSERVICES

Microservices - also known as the microservice architecture - is an architectural style that structures an application as a collection of small, loosely coupled services. Each service is focused on a specific business capability and can be developed, deployed, and scaled independently. These services communicate via well-defined APIs, often using lightweight protocols like HTTP/REST. This approach contrasts with monolithic architectures, where all functionalities are tightly integrated into a single codebase. Microservices offer benefits such as improved scalability, flexibility, and easier maintenance. They allow teams to work autonomously on different services, use diverse technologies, and deploy updates more frequently. However, they also introduce complexity in terms of service coordination, data consistency, and distributed system management.



SNAP SHOTS

ERIGAIISI BEATS
NO 1 CARLSEN

GM Arjun Erigaisi-led Team MGD1 banked on their all-Indian star cast to clinch the silver medal in the inaugural World Blitz Team Championships in Astana. World Blitz Team Championships is a club-based event conceptualized by FIDE. In the final against Team WR Chess, Arjun upset former world champion and world no. 1 Magnus Carlsen on the top board in Round 1. But the Norwegian's teammates won on the other boards to give the team a comfortable lead. Team MGD1 put up a strong fight in the second round to hold the eventual champions 3:3 but that was not enough to take the match into play-off.

West Ham signs Rodrigo: West Ham said on Tuesday it has signed Argentina midfielder Guido Rodriguez on a free transfer. Rodriguez joins the Hammers after his previous deal with Real Betis expired.

Aarushi shines: Aarushi Saanthosh scored a brace in Kickstart FC's 2-0 win over Misaka United FC in the Karnataka Women's League football tournament in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Results: Kemp FC 4 (Subashini M 24, Priya Chittrai 48, Rivka Ramji 88, Priya Dharshini 90+2) bt Rebels Womens FC 0. Kickstart FC 2 (Aarushi Saanthosh 23, 60) bt Misaka United FC 0. **Today's matches:** Maatru Pratishtana FC vs Pink Panthers FC (8.15am); Pass FC vs Roots FC (10.15am).

Chess tourney on Aug 15: The Bangalore Rural District Association is set to conduct the BRDCA Open and age category rapid chess tournament in Bengaluru on Aug 15. The competition will be held across the U-7, U-9, U-11, U-13, U-16 and open categories. The last date of registration is Aug 13. Contact: 9663405589.

Former footballer Manohar no more: Former footballer Christopher Manohar, 66, who represented Karnataka in the junior Nationals 1978, passed away due to a heart attack in Bengaluru on Monday. Manohar also featured for Maharaja Socials FC and Income Tax Department.

JWGC set to host its maiden PGTI event

Mysuru Is New Destination For Professional Golf In Karnataka

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Nestled in the foothills of the Chamundi Hills—the Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) is steeped in history.

The course, built in 1906 by the royal family to entertain British dignitaries and service officers stationed in the city, is the pet project of the late Nawabi Krishna Raja Wadiyar, and has turned into a hotspot for

golf in the region over the decades. About 28 years after Australian course curator Phil Ryan transformed the venue into an 18-hole course, the JWGC is set to host its maiden PGTI event—the Mysuru Open, beginning Thursday.

The course made its debut on the national professional circuit a couple of months ago when it hosted the seventh leg of the WPGT 2024 season.

As some of the top pros from across the country prepare to tee off in a picturesque setting, Dr. Abraham Thomas, president, JWGC told TOI, "After hosting a women's pro tournament recently, this is the first time Mysuru is hosting a PGTI tournament with a clutch of international players in the mix. We didn't have to make any change to the existing facility as it already adheres to the speci-



Pranavi Urs is one of the most talented golfers from Mysuru

fications of an international standard golf course."

Although pro golf is still in a nascent stage in Mysuru, over the years

the JWGC has put together a robust junior programme.

"Mysuru was among the first cities in the country to start a junior golf programme in 2002 and since then we've maintained and marketed our course well," added Thomas. An impressive line-up of young professionals now call JWGC their home.

Thomas credited top women golfers Pranavi Urs and Vidhatri Urs for the increased interest in the sport in the city. "There are five golfers who we should thank. Pranavi and Vidhatri have been doing very well while the others couldn't make it to the professional level, they have marketed Mysuru and our golf culture across the country."

Lauding the leading male golfers from the city, Thomas added, "Yashas Chandra, Aalaap IL, Dhruv Bopanna, Aaryan Roopa Anand and Peter

Prabhu—caddie turned pro—have all played a big role in putting our course and city on the map."

"Yashas and Aalaap worked to bring the PGTI event to Mysuru. They've played across the country and have found this course much better," stated Thomas.

The field of 126 players includes Manu Gandas, Adayan Mane and Rahul Gangjee apart from home challengers like Yashas, Bopanna and Aaryan.

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Red-hot Bengaluru FC in quarters

Kolkata: Bengaluru FC secured their spot in the Durand Cup quarterfinal with a thrilling 3-2 win over Mohammedan SC at the VYBK ground, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Goals from Aleksandar Jovanovic and Vinith Venkatesh, along with an own goal from Mohammedan player, sealed the victory for the Blues.

The hard-fought win propelled the Blues into the next stage of the tournament, going undefeated in the group phase.

DURAND CUP

It didn't take long for the Bengaluru outfit to break the deadlock when Jovanovic scored off a header inside the first ten minutes of the game. That goal set the tone for the rest of the match. Bengaluru finished on top of Group B with three wins out of three.

The draws for the knockout stages will be held on Aug 18.

Result: Bengaluru FC 3 (Jovanovic 7, Dipu 22-06, Vinith 60) bt Mohammedan SC 2 (Israfil 77, Mahitosh 90+3). AGENCIES

Karnataka begin with a big splash

Group I & Group II Girls Win 4x200 Metres Freestyle Relay

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Dhinihdi Desinghu, the youngest in the Indian contingent at the Olympics, who returned from Paris over the weekend got down to business by anchoring the Karnataka team

SWIMMING

(group II) to victory in the 4x200 metres freestyle relay event at the National sub-junior and junior swimming championships which got under way in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday. The Karnataka team, comprising Naisha, Tisyra Sonar, Trisha Sindhu and Dhinihdi came home in a



GOLDEN QUARTET: The Karnataka 4x200 metres freestyle relay (group II) team (from left) Naisha, Dhinihdi Desinghu, Tisyra Sonar and Trisha Sindhu

record time of 8:55.30, eclipsing the 10-year-old mark of 8:57.98, which was also recorded by Karnataka.

In the corresponding event in Group I, Karnataka's foursome of Shirin, Su-

hasini Ghosh, Sri Charani Tumu, Hashika Ramachandra cruised to the gold medal with a time of 8:48.13.

Another Karnataka swimmer Sharan S, came up with a gold-winning show in

the 400m freestyle event (group II). His staminate Rishith Rangan finished third.

Results (Karnataka only): Girls: Group I: 4x200m Freestyle: 1. Karnataka (Shirin, Suhassini Ghosh, Sri Charani Tumu, Hashika Ramachandra) (8:48.13 NMR; OR: 8:34.86); **100m Backstroke:** 3. Vilitha Nayana Loganathan (1:06.33); **50m Breaststroke:** 2. Linesha AK (34.73); 3. Manavi Varma (34.77); **1500m Freestyle:** 1. Aditi N Malay (17:47.82); 2. Sri Charani Tumu (18:08.50). **Group II: 4x200m Freestyle:** 1. Karnataka (Naisha, Tisyra Sonar, Trisha Sindhu, Dhinihdi Desinghu) (8:55.30 NMR; OR: 8:57.98); **100m Backstroke:** 1. Naisha (1:08.64); **Group III: 200m Freestyle:** 2. Stuti Singh (2:26.41); **100m Backstroke:** 3. Nyra Bopanna Kalgandla (1:39.81). **Boys: Group I: 400m Freestyle:** 1. Dharsani.S (4:02.23); **100m Butterfly:** 3. Aaryan Kaiias Bhattbhatt (56.87); **Group II: 400m Freestyle:** 1. Sharan S (4:34.63); 3. Rishith Rangan (4:37.79); **100m Butterfly:** 2. Akshaj Thakuria (59.67); **Group III: 100m Backstroke:** 3. Amith H Pavan (1:39.99).

SUCC (1), Vijaya CC in final

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Swastic Union Cricket Club (1) scored a thumping 112-run win over Vijaya Cricket Club, Malur to enter the final of the KSCA Group I U-19 inter-club cricket tournament here recently. For the title, they will take on Vijaya Cricket Club, who edged past Swastic Union Cricket Club (2) on better run rate.

KSCA U-19

Invited to bat, Swastic were in early trouble, losing two wickets in the first four overs. Hardik Raj (89) and Rishav Appachu (26) pulled their team out of trouble with their 44-ball 88 run association for the third wicket. Hardik's 43-ball innings was laced with 14 fours and two sixes. Swastic were looking at



FINE FORM: Hardik Raj of SUCC (1) picked up a wicket and scored 89 runs in the semifinal

a massive total but lost four wickets for the addition of nine runs and finished with a competitive 208/8 in 20 overs.

Ronith Iyengar (5/24) barely allowed the Vijaya batters to settle down and they were restricted to 96/7 in 10 rain-affected overs.

In the other rain-interrupted semifinal, put into bat, SUCC (2) were all out for 160 runs in 33.1 overs with Aniketh Reddy scalping four wickets. Shivam MB top-scored with 43 runs for SUCC (2). Vijaya CC were comfortably placed in the chase at 110/3 in the 23rd over when the heavens opened up. Vijaya won the match on better run rate.

Brief scores: Swastic Union CC (1): 208/8 in 20 overs (Rishav Appachu 26, Hardik Raj 89, Rohit RV 28; Vaibhav Sharma 3/34, Samarth Kulkarni 2/6) bt **Vijaya Cricket Club, Malur: 96/7 in 20 overs** (Ahan KP 32 n.o.; Ronith Iyengar 5/24). **Swastic Union CC (2): 160 all out in 33.1 overs** (Shivam MB 43, Easa Hakeem Puthige 27, Rohan RR 2/20, Ambresh K 2/33, Aniketh Reddy 4/26) lost to **Vijaya CC: 110/3 in 22.3 overs** (Yash Jadhav 45, Akshath Prabhakar 29 n.o.) by better run rate. (Match interrupted by rain, no further play possible).

Sherouk best for main event

Mysore: JS Pillay-trained Sherouk is likely to garner the maximum support in the SV Subramaniam Memorial Trophy over 1400 metres, the feature at the races on Wednesday.

The main threat to Sherouk (G Vivek astride), will emanate from Bobby-trained Perfect Heart (Ajeeth Kumar up) and N R I Victory (Jagadeesh up) from

Sajjid Qureshi's yard. The former holds the edge and is set to run Sherouk close. First race at 1.30 pm.

SELECTIONS
1. **Alberetto Plate 1600m:** Coorg General 1, White Lies 2, 2. **Goa Plate (Div II) 1400m:** Sparkling Night 1, Athulya 2, 3. **Ka-**

HORSE RACING
pila Plate 1000m: Saint Emillion 1, Maybury 2, 4. **Goa Plate (Div I) 1400m:** Brightest Star 1, She's Unstoppable 2, 5. **Heggadadevanakote Plate (Div II) 1300m:** Eddie The Eagle 1, Smart Cadillac 2. **Day's best:** 0 Hansini **Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. **1st Treble:** 1, 2 & 3; **2nd Treble:** 3, 4 & 5; **3rd Treble:** 6, 7 & 8. **TNN**

IVALDO WINS
Prasanna Kumar-trained Evaldo (Sandesh up) won the Winfair 247 Eve Champion Trophy, the feature event of the Pune races on Tuesday. **TNN**

Mekala stars in Bangalore's big win

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Rishil Mekala returned a match of seven wickets (5/27 & 2/33) to propel Bangalore Zone to a commanding 113-run victory over Mangalore Zone in the

SAS MEMORIAL

SAS Memorial U-23 cricket tournament here recently. Batting first, Mangalore lost wickets at regular intervals and were bowled out for 128 in the first innings. Dhanush Gowda and Dhruv P

chipped in with three and two wicket respectively.

Bangalore too didn't have their best batting outing but managed to put up 238 before being dismissed in the 65th over. For Bangalore, Akshan Rao struck a crucial 45, while Dhruv (32) and Dhanush (37) chipped in with some handy runs. In their second essay, Mangalore failed to up their game and fell like a heap, mustering a mere 97 runs.

Brief scores: **Mangalore Zone: 128 all out in 51.5 overs** (Rahul AS 34, Nischith Pai 28 n.o., Vi-

nayak Holla 31; Dhanush Gowda 3-28, Rishil Mekala 5-27, Dhruv P 2-39) & 97 all out in 46.4 overs (Smayan Srivastav 5-21, Rishil Mekala 2-33, Dhruv P 2-15) lost to **Bangalore Zone: 238 all out in 64.5 overs** (Macneel Noronha 34, Akshan Rao 45, Dhruv P 32 n.o., Dhanush Gowda 37; Nathan D/Mello 4-32, Nischith Pai 3-60). **Combined City XI: 181 all out in 42.5 overs** (Yashwant 38, Lochan Gowda 9; Rahul Prasanna 3-65, Mohsin Khan 5-36) drew with **President's XI: 277/6 in 71 overs** (Anirudh Srinivas 34, Swaroop SH 107 n.o. (75b, 10 x 4, 1 x 6), Karan Umesh 101 (138b, 8 x 4, 2 x 6); Bhargav S 3-56, Shikhar Shetty 2-63). **Tumkur Zone: 130 all out in 38 overs** (T

Chiranjeevi 40, Gaurav Krishna 27; Manvanth Kumar 2-28, Medhansh Mahesh 6-51) & 183/5 in 38 overs (Adarsh MA 102 n.o. (87b, 8 x 4, 7 x 6); Manvanth Kumar L 2-20, Abhinno Jacob 2-61) drew with **Mysore Zone: 362 all out in 63.3 overs** (Abhay Rangan 113 (115b, 14 x 4, 2 x 6), Krutikhi Krishna 73, Manvanth Kumar 47 n.o.; Rahul B 3-94, Vishwas V 5-57). **Raichur Zone: 289 all out in 82.2 overs** (Vijaya Raj B III (150b, 8 x 4, 4 x 6), Harsha Khuba 61, Eshwar Nayak 73; Adarsh Hire-math 3-61, Rajendra Danganavar 4-47) drew with **Dharwad Zone: 450/6 in 90 overs** (Sudeep Sateri 76, Amod Kaluve 77, Madhava Dharwadkar 123, Rohan Yaresimi 32, Rajendra Danganavar 63 n.o.; Bheem Rao 4-63).

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Availability of Tender document on Railway website: Tender documents will be available on ireps website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 31.07.2024 upto 11:00 Hrs (Morning) as per IST.
Physical submission of all document: Dated: 24.09.2024 upto 11:00 Hrs (Morning) as per IST.
Date & time of opening of tender: 27.09.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. (Morning) as per IST. 1370/24(A)
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board
Kalyana Suraksha Bhavana, 111 Compound, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560029 Phone : 080-29753354/56 E-mail: Karbuildworkerswelfare@gmail.com
Short Term Tender Notification
No: KB0CWWB/Tenders/Notifications/2024-25 Dated: 05.08.2024
Tenders are hereby invited by Karnataka Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board from interested Agencies as per Terms and conditions described in the Bid document for
1. E-tender (Two bid system-Technical and Financial bids) for "Selection of an Agency for Supplying of Field Executives on Outsource Basis to the KB0CWWB" and
2. Pre-qualification tender (One bid system- Pre-qualification bid) from reputed and registered Firms/Organizations for undertaking work of Social Audit of 52 field offices across the state of Karnataka in a period of 3 Years as per the Terms of Reference described in this notification which may be viewed in the KPPP portal.
Tenders shall be submitted electronically through e-procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in of the Government of Karnataka. Last date of submission of completed tenders is on 16-08-2024 up to 5.00 pm. For further details and information can be obtained from the Joint Secretary, KB0CWWB during office hours.
Sd/- Joint Secretary, KB&OCWBB
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Dated : 06.08.2024
TENDER NOTICE
Tenders for following item/Services floated on website and portal from dated 06.08.2024 to next 30 days:
1. Online Tender Ref. No. T-598/MPPHSC/Pharma/RC/2024 Uploaded on Dated 05.08.2024 Portal & Website.
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BRUHAT BANGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Chamarajpet Division, BBMP Anganwadi Centre,
2nd Main, T.R. Mill Road, Bengaluru - 560018.
No: EE/CMP/TEND/E-PROC/05/2024-25 Date: 05-08-2024
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) Through GOK KPP Portal Only
The Government of Karnataka, vide G.O. No. UDD/297/MNY/2022(E), Bengaluru, Dated: 08-06-2022 had accorded in Principle approval and sanctioned budget for taking up of the works listed below.
Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in KPWD / BBMP registration in KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the works as detailed below. (Standard Tender Document - KW-4)
Sl. No. Name of the Work
1. Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains, Culverts, Footpaths and Other Works at Chamarajpet Division Jurisdiction. (3 Works) - Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 1000.00, EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 10.00 (Rs. 1.00 Lakh Online plus remaining balance BG / FDR)
Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 07-08-2024. 2) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 19-08-2024 at 11.00 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer (West), Bhashyam Park, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru. 3) Tenders must be Submitted online through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on or before 16.00 Hours on 26-08-2024. 4) Technical Bids will be Opened on the Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division on 28-08-2024 at 11.30 Hours. Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer Chamarajpet Division, BBMP.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G2G
E-Tender Notice No. JHS-N-GSU-05-24 Date: 02.08.2024
TENDE NOTICE
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/GSU/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invites open Tender through on line (E-Tendering) for the following works.
Description of work: Provision of OFC for standby block working in long block sections in LAR-KURJ section and MBA-KURJ section of Jhansi Division.

Approx Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form
₹ 62701135.13	₹ 463500.00	Nil

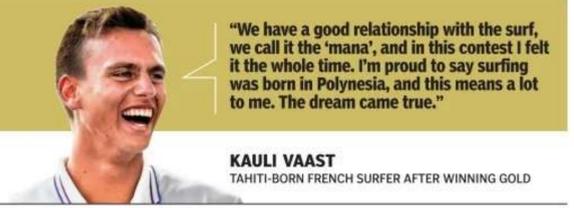
Opening of tender: 27.08.2024 Time 15.00, Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance: 12 Months. * Tender on line can be submitted upto 15.00 hrs. on 27.08.2024 * For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in (JHANSI DIVISION-GATI SHAKTI, NORTH CENTRAL RLY) 1382/24 FA
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G2G
E-Tender Notice No. CEN00AGC1324 Date: 03.08.2024
E-Tender Notice
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway, Agra Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India invites in Two packet (E-R) open tender on prescribed forms on line (E-Tendering). Tender offer can be submitted online up to 15.00 hours of 29.08.2024, on website http://ireps.gov.in. The details of the tenders are as under-
Description of work: P:Way Track linking, transportation of P:way material, supply & stacking of ballast, leading out of ballast, AT welding and other ancillary works between AF - Paprera station in connection with doubling of AF-BK1 section (KM 00.00 to KM 72.00).

Approx Cost	Earnest Money
₹ 57.79 Crore (App.)	₹ 30,39,90,000/-

Completion Period: 08 Months including harvest & monsoon period. Date of opening: 29.08.2024, Validity : 90 days. Note: For complete details and submission of tender please see Indian Railway's website http://www.ireps.gov.in. 1385/24(DG)
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HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA BANGALURU - 560001
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
HCC No. 11/2024 Date: 05.08.2024
Tender is called by the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru towards procurement of 84 Nos. (i.e., 62 Nos. of 5 KVA UPS and 22 Nos. of 10 KVA UPS) of UPS along with Batteries and Battery Stand with buy back of 77 nos. of old different KVA UPS and 811 nos. of different AH batteries to the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Benches at Dharwad and Kalaburagi and District Judiciary in the through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Centre for e-Governance, Bengaluru.
Last date to upload the tender is fixed as 04.09.2024 at 4.00 PM. For more details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/search-Tender/live website.
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Neeraj Dispels Doubts About Fitness With His First Throw Of 89.34, His Season Best, To Make Final

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TIMES AT THE GAMES
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Paris: It was in May when we got to hear that Neeraj Chopra was struggling with an adductor injury. Would he be ready for the Olympics? A sure medal lost? The questions kept bothering the Indian sports fraternity as the defending Olympic javelin gold medallist started his comeback battle. Neeraj made Antalya in Turkey his base, started his recuperation process, took part in three events in the lead-up to the Olympics, but it seemed something was missing.

On Tuesday in Paris, Neeraj seemed to clear all the doubts around his fitness and showed the world he is ready to take on just about anybody.

Looking relaxed and fresh, the 27-year-old threw a marker to his rivals as he stormed into the final of the men's javelin throw with a big first heave of 89.34m. It was also his season's best and the 11 other finalists at the Stade de France now know they will need something special on Thursday night to take out the champion.

Surprisingly, Germany's 19-year-old sensation Max Dehnig, the only thrower in the fray to register a 90-plus (90.20m) distance this year, finished 12th in the

16-member qualification Group B with a best attempt of 79.24m.

The cut-off for final qualification being 84m, Neeraj didn't have to expend too much energy to make the title round.

"I'm feeling better than before. I had a good warm-up and today after getting in I began slowly. Now, I'll be competing in the final fully prepared. I always try to do well with my first throw but it doesn't always work," Neeraj said.

In a high-class qualification round that saw one area record, one personal best and six season's best, the Indian opened the action in Group B and got the job done. Neeraj went to the top of the run-up and executed the throw to perfection, a welcome relief for the hundreds of Indian fans who had filled the stands in the morning session to watch their favourite athlete in action.

Two-time world champion Anderson Peters of Granada (88.63m) finished second overall in the qualification but it was Arshad Nadeem (86.59m) who set up an India-Pakistan flavour to Thursday's final. "I'm happy that Neerajbhai and I are two players from South Asia who are among the best in the world. Best of luck to him and I hope we both do well and win medals for our countries," Nadeem said.

Despite getting the job done fluently, Neeraj was not ready to read too much into his performance.



FLIPPING ON THE COMPETITIVE SWITCH: Neeraj Chopra during Tuesday's javelin throw qualification in Paris

"There is a lot of difference between the performances in the qualification round and final. The focus should be on the fact that it is a very good start and now I have to prepare my best for the final.

"My plan was to qualify with a good throw and if possible with the first throw itself," he said.

Nine athletes broke the 84m mark, five in their first attempts, and Neeraj feels it's going to be a "cracking final". "All those who

have made the automatic qualification mark have done well.

"It gives me good confidence as well but my aim is to reserve my best for the final. That's the real deal," Neeraj said.

WEBER TOPS GROUP A; JENA CRASHES OUT

Earlier, in Group A, India's second entry and Asian Games silver medallist Kishore Jena crashed out as he failed to get past his season



best — a modest 80.84. Jena never managed to hit his Asian Games form and opened with 80.73. He then

JAVELIN THROW THE FINALISTS

Neeraj Chopra's throw of 89.34m is the second best of his career.

A total of 5 athletes made season-best throws on Tuesday.

Brazil's Luiz Mauricio da Silva rewrote the South American record while Finland's Toni Keranen set a new personal best.

List of athletes who will feature in the men's javelin throw final on Thursday...



Tough competition for medal

Neeraj will have to contend with some top throwers for a medal. These are the finalists who have crossed the 89-metre mark in their career:



*Peters has 4 throws over 90+ and all of them came in 2022

fouled his second chance and came up with an effort of 80.21m that pushed him to the ninth spot in Group B. A dejected Jena was unable to figure out what went wrong. "I wanted to do well but my throws were not going well," he said.

Germany's European silver medallist Julian Weber qualified for the title clash as Group A topster as he nailed with his very first throw that measured 87.76m. 2015 World Champion and Rio silver

medallist 35-year-old Julius Yego of Kenya also advanced to the final as he produced 85.97m — a season's best.

European champion Jakub Vadlejch, who is expected to be the strongest challenger for Neeraj in the final, also got his job done quickly as he went past the Q mark with a throw of 85.63m. Another big name who booked his final ticket was Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago.

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Jantar Mantar to Eiffel, Vinesh Returns to Claim Her Kingdom

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: Chastised, sullied, derided, outnumbered and wrestled to the ground by police of her capital city for daring to stand up against alleged sexual harassment in the wrestling establishment, Vinesh Phogat did the unthinkable here in Paris.

Ignored and shunned back home, Vinesh was suddenly queen of the mat, storming out of simply nowhere to become the first Indian woman to enter an Olympic wrestling final. After making short work of Cuban Yusneylis Guzman Lopez in the semifinals, she meets Sarah Ann Hilderbrandt of the US on Wednesday in a final that will carry a million more overtones than just a gold medal. It will be the fittest reply, the loudest riposte to brazen institutional apathy and political indifference.

Once pretty and sunny-faced, now hard-jawed, Vinesh endured as she fought and protested age-old patriarchy. Today, when the chance came, she quietly went about her task in stoic silence and staggering efficiency. It was deafening in its effect as far as political symbolism goes.

A strange fire burnt within her on Tuesday. Maybe, no, surely, it has been burnt by sitting for hours in the sun, rain and cold of Jantar Mantar. It was primal, poetic, terrifyingly beautiful to watch, just like a rebirth that you'd never expect.

Nothing in Indian sport can match what Vinesh has achieved with her gold-medal shot in Paris for the thousands of girls in Indian sport. She has left the establishment with no choice but to listen, because if you don't listen to a *bona fide* Olympic champion, then how do you possibly tell the world anything?

Twice, earlier in the day, she had stomped off the mats, into the tunnel, to the athletes' area, in some strange tunnel vision of her own,

UNVANQUISHED

Pic: AFP, Getty Images

STATEMENT ON THE MAT, AUG 6, 2024: Vinesh Phogat savours her moment of glory after beating world No. 1 Yui Susaki on Tuesday. She later assured India of a medal

WRESTLED TO THE GROUND, MAY 28, 2023: Vinesh Phogat (right; in the centre) is detained by police while attempting to march to the new Parliament during a protest against Brij Bhushan Singh, then wrestling federation chief, over allegations of sexual harassment and intimidation, in New Delhi



head bowed, shutting off the world. A woman forever angry at the world and its injustices, past caring — that haircut like an ill-fitting wig picked in a hurry — and slowly losing the strength and will to fight back. But in truth, Vinesh was all walking defiance on Tuesday.

Maybe India's true Olympics began on Tuesday, its real story — away from the cynosure — on Mat B of the makeshift wrestling arena of the sprawling Champs de Mars Arena. And a Japanese World No. 1 in the opening round who till now didn't know the meaning of losing, left shocked and tearful like some odd tangent on the yellow circumference of the area.

Vinesh had, back against the wall, lashed out at the last, opportune moment, with venom and patience of an old-timer to topple an opponent who was 82-0 going into this bout, and 2-0 ahead at the death. That her rival was defending Olympic champion — having won gold in her home Games in

Tokyo without dropping a point — that she was world No 1 and that she had never lost to a non-Japanese rival, would soon be things of the past.

After that, Vinesh was going to change her corner, and her approach — more assertive here than the game of wrestling chess in the first — to outlast a Ukrainian challenger.

If it was doing something for her, it would prove cathartic for the handful of Indians watching, waiting. One would be lying if there wasn't a little lump in the throat, a little sting felt in the eye when she mouthed, without looking up, a "thank you, sir," to the "super, super show, Vinesh!" as she stomped past — so tiny and stodgy in her singlet but so unbelievably huge that you'd cower in her presence. Vinesh, famously, doesn't talk anymore. On Tuesday, she was half-nodding your fervent, genuine hat-tip to her.

How the tables have turned. In a new weight category after relinquishing her 53-kg spot to Antim Panghal, it was expected that the

unseeded Vinesh would resort to the luck of the repechage after being drawn in the opener against Yui. The Japanese, who went by an unreal 94-0, if you believe a currently disbelieving Japanese media contingent here, pinned her hopes on the Indian, going all the way in the hope to salvage some of the pride that took a serious dent today.

Vinesh had to hustle to quieten Oksana Livach, the plucky Ukrainian, in the quarterfinal. It was a charge of such astonishing power and intent, with less than 18 seconds remaining in the opening bout after doing nothing but sitting back and waiting, that destroyed Yui.

The Japanese sat immobile, suitably dazed while at the other end, in another orbit, a sprawled Vinesh bawling away only to herself, her shaking body visible to the entire arena. Did a festive world gathered in sunny Paris know what her fight, those tears, really was all about? Did it all come down only to a possible medal in the tally? If so, then how

To beat Susaki is unreal. This effort after what she (Vinesh) has gone through is incredible. All the best to her."

— Neeraj Chopra

much of it would be India's and how much her own, only her own?

Because when Vinesh cried on the streets of the Capital in her fight for justice, she was alone. Vinesh was an outsider in this Indian Olympic contingent which has been inundated by wishes for success and buoyed by happy, hopeful corporate and political support. No one touched her with a barge pole, despite her undeniable credentials as she was forever defined by those famous weeks of protests.

Now, a suddenly unfamiliar destiny, a self-hewn one, awaits her, after having wrestled her way to an Olympic medal. Now, when the phone rings, will Vinesh answer?

Support-staff jitters ahead of Antim bout

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New Delhi: Antim Panghal, one of the Indian wrestling's brightest medal hopes, has been left grappling with a different off-the-mat battle ahead of her much-awaited debut Olympic bout on Wednesday.

Antim, a two-time junior world champion and World Championships medallist, is unable to secure daily passes for her personal coach and other support staff members to enter the athletes' village and guide her in last-minute preparations for the Games.

Antim will begin her Paris campaign with a Round-of-16 clash in the women's 53kg division which features Japan's Akari Fujinami, China's Pang Qianyu, USA's Dominique Parrish, Ecuador's Lucia Yépez, Greece's Maria Prevolaraki, Romania's Andreea Ana and Sweden's Jonna Malmgren.

It's been learnt that Antim's teammates and other medal hopefuls — Anshu Malik (57kg) and Reetika Hooda (76kg) — too are facing a similar problem in securing village access for their respective support staff.

Among the six Indian participating wrestlers, only Vinesh Phogat has access to her

Hungarian coach Woller Akos and physio Ashwini Patil inside the village. The coach and physio are part of the official Indian contingent and have full access accreditation cards.

The coaches and support staff of other wrestlers haven't been offered such luxury by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and all of them are staying outside the village. To visit their athletes, they require daily passes from the IOA's chef-de-mission office in Paris and the Games organisers.

Wrestlers have been forced to spend time coordinating with the organisers and writing mails to them to secure passes for their support staff, hampering their training schedule ahead of their bouts.

In Antim's case, her coach Bhagat Singh, sparring partner Vikas, physio Heera Mundluru and masseur Nisha landed in the French capital on Aug 3. They checked in at two different hotels in Paris and their entire travel and stay was sponsored by Antim and her team.

Singh and other members were supposed to daily visit Antim at the village for her training and sparring sessions from 9 am to 9 pm on passes provided by the organisers before exiting the facility.

BRIDGE TOO FAR

Indian Lose 2-3 To Germany In Thrilling Semifinal, Now Face Spain In Bronze-Medal Playoff

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: The brass band was playing a peppy tune when the two teams walked in exactly an hour before the start. Yves du-Manoir stadium is on the outskirts of the city, but the stands slowly filled up. Then the crowd took over. The noise was deafening when India and Germany squared up for the men's hockey semifinal here on Tuesday evening, and the national anthems were played. What followed was an exciting game of hockey, fought on equal terms.

India, looking to make the final after 44 years, fell agonisingly short. They took the lead, trailed, equalised and finally conceded in the last quarter. 2-3. Well fought, but they will now meet Spain in the bronze medal match. Germany will take on The Netherlands for gold.

Defend to win has been India's motto at these Games but they have not been shy of attacking, mostly through long balls.

In the first quarter, India won back-to-back penalty corners in the second minute. The Germans defended stoutly. Then, in the seventh minute, India won back-to-back five penalty corners. The fifth yielded result. Harmanpreet had finally found a way past the sturdy German defence. 1-0.

The Germans pressed and attacked, keeping the Indian defence busy. The Indians were up to the task. The second quarter saw Germany dominate and make it count. They scored two goals, both coming through penalties — the first through a penalty corner, the second through a penalty stroke. Germany got their first PC in the 20th minute. Gonzalo Peillat, who earlier played for Argentina, was right on target. Germany



AGONY AND ECSTASY: Germany players celebrate after making the Olympic final as Team India players wear a dejected look in Paris on Tuesday

won their second PC in the 26th minute. The hit caught Harmanpreet's foot on the goal-line. Christopher Ruehr beat India's goalkeeper PR Sreejesh comfortably.

India were back in the game in the third quarter. They pressed hard, attacked in waves and earned four penalty corners in five minutes. Harmanpreet beat the German goalkeeper finally to make it 2-2 in the 36th minute. The attacks from both ends became intense now. The crowd was loving it. When the hooter went, India were

on the attack from the right flank.

In the fourth quarter, the desperation for the winner was obvious in both camps. The attacks became frantic. Germany got their third PC in the 46th minute. Sreejesh palmed it away. The rebound was stopped on the goal-line. The Indians fans could breathe easy. Germany got their fourth PC five minutes later. It was well saved by the defenders. The pressure on the Indian defence had increased.

In the 53rd minute, Lalit Upadhyay made a brilliant solo run but was foiled just outside the circle. The Germans counter-attacked and took

the lead. Peillat's hit inside the circle was guided home by Marco Miltkau. 3-2. Cries of "Deutschland, Deutschland" had become louder in the stands. With two minutes to go, goalkeeper Sreejesh was pulled out and replaced with a field player. India had to go all out in attack. Instead, Germany attacked and won a penalty corner. There was no goalkeeper in the Indian goal. But the brave Indian defenders stopped it.

On the counter, India entered the German circle, Shamsheer Singh hit it hard but the ball went over the bar. That was the last shot of the match,

coach Craig Fulton threw his laptop to the ground, and the Indian players couldn't believe it. India had beaten Germany 5-4 at the Tokyo Games in 2021 to win the bronze medal, but this time it was not meant to be.

In the earlier semifinal, top-ranked Netherlands thrashed Spain 4-0. The Dutch will play in the men's final after a gap of 12 years. Spain will be in the running to win a medal after 2008.

India 2 (Harmanpreet Singh 7th min, Sukhjeet Singh 36th) lost to Germany 3 (Gonzalo Peillat 18th, Christopher Ruhr 27, Marco Miltkau 54)

Farmer's son Sable sowing hopes for India

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Pune: It seems sowing seeds and sowing dreams come naturally to the Sable family. While Mukund and Vaishali Sable were busy planning their day on the farms of Mandwa village in Beed district, their son Avinash became the first Indian to reach the 3,000m steeplechase final in the Olympics on Monday night.

The family comes from a humble background. When they had their first son in Sept 1994 it gave them a ray of hope. Their struggle continued and Avinash had to help his parents as a daily wage worker on brick kilns. They also worked as sugarcane cutters and on construction sites.

But things changed in 2012 when Avinash joined the 22nd Battalion of Mahar Regiment of the Indian Army. When the Army's cross country team was not performing well in inter-services competitions, the Army had conducted internal trials of their athletes in Hyderabad in 2016. During that trial, coach Amrith Kumar

spotted Sable's talent and advised him to pursue steeplechase. He came to the Army Sports Institute (ASI), Ghorpadi, in 2018.

He made rapid strides within two years, winning national title and breaking the national record. Avinash tested positive for Covid before his first Olympics in Tokyo in 2021 and he could not perform as per his own standards.

After clinching the historic gold at the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, he was expected to reach the 3,000m steeplechase final in World Championships last year but lost out in the heats. But now, he has put that disappointment behind. His current coach Subedar Karmveer Singh said that he spoke to Avinash after he reached the final on Monday and the athlete said he was in Paris to win.

In 2018, Avinash broke the 30-year-old national record in steeplechase within a few months of taking up the discipline. His coach added: "Avinash comes from a humble background with parents working day and night



SON OF THE SOIL: Avinash Sable is the first Indian to reach the 3,000m steeplechase final at the Olympics

on farms and living a simple life, and that is his real strength. He gets all the motivation from his difficult journey. He is fearless and has a never-say-die attitude. We are confident of a good result in the final (to be held on Wednesday)."

Avinash not only holds the national record at 8:09.91 minutes but finished a creditable sixth in the Paris Diamond League last month. It was the 10th time he had set the national record. He had also ended Kenya's total domination with a silver at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022.

His mother Vaishali said, "We watched the qualification on TV with his friends as they explained to us the importance of doing well in the Olympics. As the world appreciates him for his qualification, all we wish for is a medal for him and to justify the efforts he has put in all these years. For us, we continue to complete our sowing activity as nothing can distract the farmers in us."

His father Mukund said, "Till Avinash got a job in the Army, we could barely manage two meals a day. Once he started earning, we gave up the daily wage job at brick kilns and focused on farming on our land. We never thought he would get into sports. But once he decided, he never looked back despite all the odds."

Henry 'living a dream' as coach

Lyon: Thierry Henry won almost everything possible in a glittering career as a player and is now "living a dream" as a coach after leading hosts France to the final of the Olympic men's football. France are aiming to win gold for the second time, 40 years after their triumph in Los Angeles, and will face Spain in the final after narrowly avoiding a shock defeat against Egypt on Monday.

Henry's team were trailing 1-0 in the semi-final in Lyon but came back to win 3-1, with Jean-Philippe Mateta equalising to force extra time and then scoring again in the 99th minute before Michael Olise sealed the victory. "I am going to be honest, I am mainly happy for Team France because when you see everyone picking up medals all over the place, you say to yourself that you can't let them down," Henry said.

"You don't want to be the team that doesn't win a medal, so at least that is done, and now we will see what colour we get." "But honestly I am living a dream and I don't want to wake up."

Henry, who won the Champions League with Barcelona and both the World Cup and European Championship with France as a player, was appointed coach of France's Under-21 and Olympic teams just under a year ago.

The 46-year-old will now lead them out on Friday in the final at the Parc des Princes, the same ground where France beat Spain in the final of the 1984 European Championship just weeks before their only Olympic victory to date.

"You know how difficult it is going to be against them. They are often in the finals of competitions, in both men's

and women's football." Henry added of the Tokyo Olympic silver medallists who beat Morocco 2-1 in their semi-final.

France are guaranteed a medal after making the final despite failing to enrol the services of full national team captain Kylian Mbappe and vice-captain Antoine Griezmann for the Olympic tournament.

Instead they have been led from the front by Lyon striker Alexandre Lacazette, while their star man in the knockout rounds has been Mateta. He scored 16 goals in the Premier League last season for Crystal Palace, including 14 in his last 16 games. Now he is France's top scorer at the Games with four goals. "It is a dream to be in Paris," said Mateta, who comes from the suburbs of the French capital. AGENCIES



THIERRY HENRY

MY BIGGEST DREAM

“What can I say? I just broke a world record at the Olympics, biggest possible stage for a pole vaulter. The biggest dream since a kid was to break the world record at the Olympics, and I've been able to do that in front of the most ridiculous crowd I've ever competed in front of.”

“IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT DON'T REALLY FEEL REAL, SUCH AN OUT OF BODY EXPERIENCE. WHEN I'M GOING OVER THE BAR IT'S LIKE AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE).”

The pole vaulter they call 'Mondo' really can put on a show. With the rest of the action at the track wrapped up for the evening and the crowd of 80,000 at the Stade de France still on their feet, Armand Duplantis cleared a WR 6.25m on sport's grandest stage

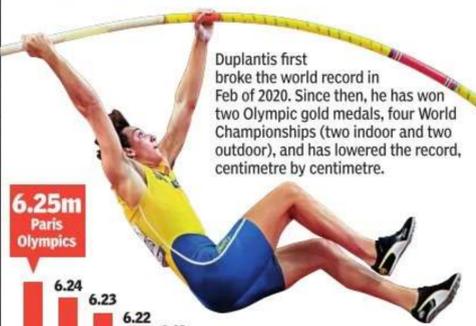
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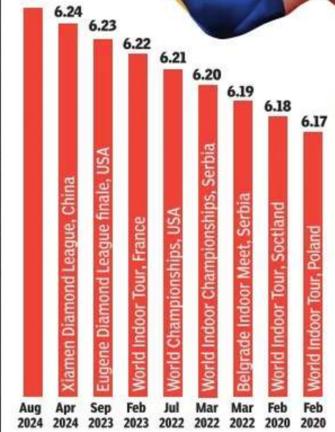
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Duplantis' bar clearance during 6.25m world record vault

“The crowd was going crazy. It was so loud in there, it sounded like an American football game. I have a little bit of experience being in a 100,000 capacity stadium, but I was never the centre of attention. Just trying to channel the energy everybody was giving me, and they were giving me a lot of it. It worked out.”

Nine world records & counting...



6.25m
Paris Olympics



1 Duplantis, the first athlete to retain the pole vault gold since American Bob Richards in 1952 and 1956

“Since 2000, the distinction between a world record set outdoors and indoors has been removed.”

23 Since **Sergey Bubka** became the first man to reach the six-metre mark in pole vault in July 1985 in Paris, the record has been broken 23 times with Armand Duplantis taking it to 6.25m on Monday

12 Bubka went on to improve his record 12 times while Duplantis has bettered it on nine occasions

TIMES AT THE GAMES
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Paris: It was a high-voltage atmosphere at the Stade-de-France on Monday night, one pole vault superstar Armand Duplantis compared with an American football game. The stage was set for the world's most flamboyant athlete, popular as Mondo, to not only defend his title but also better his own world mark on the brand new track.

The colourful Swede had the whole world as his stage as he wowed the fans with the viral pose of Turkiye shooter Yusuf Dikec after pocketing the Olympic record when the bar was raised to 6.10m. Duplantis then went after his own heights after his rivals failed to go above 5.95m. The world record holder at 6.24m asked it to be raised by another centimetre and began his quest to clear 6.25m or 20.5 feet.

The first attempt was nearly flawless except for a mild clip that shook the bar enough to follow the champion on to the mat. The second try, each attempt after a gap of five minutes during which the spectators sang and danced to popular numbers, was not as good as the first as he almost sat on the bar.

Among those egging him on was American Sam Kendrick, who had pocketed the silver with a season's best vault of 5.95m. Duplantis waited for another five

minutes and then took the pole to head to the top of his run-up. This time everything went right, as the slow clap grew stronger and stronger, as he hit the runway with great speed and lifted off perfectly and sailed over the bar, which remained intact, to help Duplantis set his ninth world record.

“I've visualised this moment a million times in my life. I mean, this is every time I was in my backyard,” he said. “I would just imagine that the bar was at the world record mark. It was the Olympic final - that's pretty much exactly what I visualised.”

“If I don't beat this moment in my career, then I'm pretty pretty okay with that. You know, I don't think you really can get much better than what just happened. So it's dang amazing.”

Asked what went through his mind before the record leap, he said: “I tried to clear my thoughts as much as I could. The crowd was going crazy. It was so loud in there, it sounded like an American football game. I have a little bit of experience being in a 100,000 capacity stadium, but I was never the centre of attention. I tried to channel the energy everybody was giving me, and they were giving me a lot. It worked out.”

Kendricks, one of Duplantis' big fans, was elated with his show. “I was jumping well with good friends, in front of my family, my baby boy was out in the crowd. Gave him a kiss after every jump, gave my wife a kiss after every jump, that's just so special. Make or miss, medal or no medal, I was going to make it

fun. I was going to put the pressure on everyone to look at us, look at us in the wide open space, under the bright lights together, that's what sport is about.”

“There's a lot of excitement that comes along with the Olympics. Some call it the world's biggest scam, but it's a very positive scam. I told my wife not to come. But she said she's going to come. So I said bring everybody, make Paris a party.”

The American was also happy that he would get a treat from the champion. “I started a tradition a few years ago, when Mondo became so hard to beat... I like to think that I taught him how to compete so well through all those years, bringing him up the little line. The winner buys dinner. Mondo won by a lot tonight, so he's going to buy us dinner.”



DREAM RUN: Mondo rushes off the padding after the world record



FOLK MUSIC: Duplantis celebrates with family, girlfriend (L) and staff members



PHOTO SHOOT: After sealing gold with a 6.10m clearance, he celebrates by mimicking viral Turkish shooter Dikec



FINISHING TOUCH: The champion plants a kiss on girlfriend Desire

MONDO'S WORLD

American dad a pole vaulter, Swede mom a heptathlete: Mondo Duplantis father Greg is a former pole vaulter who competed against Bubka in the 1980s and 1990s while his mother Helena is a former heptathlete and volleyball player. His father is his coach, while his mother works with him on his fitness.

Pole vault setup in backyard: Duplantis has been training for moments like this his entire life. Growing up in Lafayette, Louisiana, his family had a pole vault setup in the backyard, complete with a runway.

Feature film: His life has been well-documented, too, with a feature film made about his called, “Born to Fly.”

He chose to represent his mom's country: While he has American and Swedish citizenship, he chose to represent his mother's country Sweden. Mondo Duplantis

chose to represent Sweden due to the popularity of track and field in the country.

Other Swede connections: Despite growing up in the United States, Duplantis spent his summers in Sweden as a child and learned to speak a bit of Swedish then. He also drives a Swedish car (a Polestar). He moved to Sweden after college and is now dating a Swedish model and social media influencer Desire Inglander.



TIMOTHEE CHALAMET

Breaking the internet: “Duplantis is the sports version of Timothee Chalamet, wrote one on X. “New day, new Olympian crush,” wrote another fan. “Call him Lisan Al Gaib,” other netizens said, referring to Chalamet's character in Dune. “As Duplantis breaks the world record, my partner asks “yeah, but can he get off a sand worm?” writes another.”

UNBEATEN SINCE 2019

Duplantis has been practically unbeatable over the last five years, winning every major title in the sport after being beaten at the Doha worlds in 2019 by American Sam Kendrick, who won silver on Monday.

He won Olympic gold in Tokyo three years ago before winning back-to-back outdoor World Championships in 2022 and 2023. He added two world indoor crowns in 2022 and 2024 as well as three straight European Championship titles in 2018, 2022 and 2024.

The six-time Louisiana state champion first set a world record for the under-seven age category.

“You know when Mondo Duplantis is competing, you are always on world record watch. He essentially breaks world records when he wants. He has broken world records at World Championships and European Championships but this is the Olympics. He loves the big moments and big stages.”

—Michael Johnson | FOUR-TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST

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1	CHN	22	19	14	55
2	USA	21	30	28	79
3	AUS	14	12	8	34
4	FRA	13	16	19	48
5	GBR	12	13	18	43
6	KOR	11	8	7	26
7	JPN	10	6	11	27
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9	GER	8	5	4	17
10	NED	7	5	6	18
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INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

ATHLETICS: Mixed Marathon relay walk: Suraj Panwar/Priyanka Goswami (11am), Men's high jump: Sarvesh Kushare (1.35pm); Women's 100m hurdles R1: Jyothi Yarraji (1.45pm); Women's javelin throw qualifiers: Annu Rani (1.55pm); Men's triple jump qualis: A Narangolintevida, Praveen Chithiravel (10.45pm); Men's 3000m steeplechase final (if qualifies): Avinash Sable (1.10am, Thu) **GOLF:** Women's Rd 1: Aditi Ashok, Diksha Dagar (12.30pm) **TT:** Women's team QFs: India vs Germany (1.30pm) **WEIGHTLIFTING:** Women's 49kg: Mirabai Chanu (11pm onwards) **WRESTLING:** Women's 53kg R16: Antim Panghal vs Yetgyl Zeynep (Tur) (3pm onwards), (if qualifies) QFs (4.20pm), Semis 10.25pm; Women's 50kg final: Vinesh Phogat (12.30am, Thu)

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“IT IS ALWAYS A DRAMA WITH TSEGAY. SHE PUSHED ME LAST YEAR. SHE IS ALWAYS PULLING AND PUSHING. I FEEL BAD FOR KIPYEGON. I WOULDN'T MIND IF SHE GETS SILVER BACK.”

- SIFAN HASSAN after Kipyegon was disqualified for pushing Tsegay. The Kenyan's silver was reinstated on appeal



Discus champion Valarie takes aim at new 'track only' circuit

Newly crowned Olympic discus champion Valarie Allman has hit out at Michael Johnson's lucrative new athletics circuit being launched in 2025, which will only feature track events with a total prize money of around \$12 million.

“I absolutely think that there is such potential excitement for field events to be embraced,” she said. “It's definitely disheartening. I think I think it's going to be interesting how they play out with them being quite exclusive to just the track portion of the sport. I think that in all events, particularly the throwing events, there is such excitement. It's just all about creating a storyline and embracing it.” AFP

Leading ladies on the track: Chebet, Keely and Allman triumph



WOMEN'S SHOW: Kenya's Beatrice Chebet (L) leads compatriot Faith Kipyegon in a controversial 5000m race; (Top) Keely Hodgkinson captures Britain's first gold of the track, winning the 800 meters

Paris: On the track, British middle distance runner Keely Hodgkinson finally ended her long wait to capture a major global championship title with gold in the 800m. Hodgkinson, who had claimed three consecutive silver medals at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and the World Championships in 2022 and 2023, led from start-to-finish to win in 1min 56.72sec. Ethiopia's Tsigie Duguma claimed silver in 1:57.15 and Kenya's Mary Moraa took bronze (1:57.42).

“I have worked really hard for the last year and I think you can see how much it meant to me,” Hodgkinson, 22, told the BBC after her triumph. In the women's 5,000m Kenya's “smiling assassin” Beatrice Chebet dethroned the Netherlands' defending champion Sifan Hassan with a tactical masterclass. The pre-race hype had focused on the Ethiopian-born Hassan's attempt to win an improbable treble of 5,000m, 10,000m and marathon golds at the same Olympics. But Hassan's dream of emulating Czech great Emil Zatopek - who completed the same triple at the 1952 Helsinki Games - was put to bed ruthlessly by Chebet. The 24-year-old 10,000m world record holder bided her time before accelerating past compatriot Faith Kipyegon to win in 14min 28.56sec. Kipyegon, the reigning 5,000m world champion, crossed the finish line in second place but was initially disqualified for a shove on Ethiopia's Gudaf Tsegay with two laps to go. However she was reinstated on appeal, leaving Hassan with bronze. **Coach of De Grasse and Jacobs is kicked out of the Games** The American coach of Olympic champions Andre De Grasse and Marcell Jacobs has been kicked out of the Paris Games. Rana Reidar was investigated for alleged sexual misconduct by the US Center for SafeSport and placed on a one-year probation that ended in May. He was accredited for the Summer Games through the Canadian Olympic Committee for his personal work with De Grasse, the defending 200m champion. De Grasse finished second behind 100 champion Noah Lyles in his 200 heat on Monday to qualify for the semifinals. Jacobs finished fifth in the 100 on Sunday. AGENCIES

Local hero Vaast has whale of a time



OCEAN CREATURES: A whale is sighted during the women's surfing semifinals in Teahupo'o; (R) France's Kauli Vaast, a Tahiti native, celebrates his win in the spectacular surfing competition

Teahupo'o (Tahiti): Kauli Vaast says a supernatural force in Polynesian culture helped him win Olympic surfing gold in his native Tahiti. Vaast on Monday became the first Olympic champion from the French Pacific island. “The mana was with me from the start, every day I felt it,” the 22-year-old said, referring to a supernatural force that, according to Polynesian beliefs, permeates the universe. “I couldn't see it but I felt it, and ‘voila’, I did it - an Olympic champion,” he said. Vaast beat Australian Jack Robinson after taking the two best waves of a high-level match. The entire island rooted for him. “As soon as the first two waves were caught, we were all there blowing for there to be no more, and it worked,” joked Polynesian President Moetai Brotherson. Tahiti, with the Teahupo'o waves that often reach two to three metres and sometimes a lot higher, hosted a spectacular surfing competition, which was extended until Monday due to unfavourable winds last week. Vaast's mother, Natou Thupalua,

opted for some garden therapy to calm her nerves. “When he competes in Tahiti, I garden,” she said. “I planted anthuriums.” The newly crowned Olympic champion said he might need to do a bit of work in the garden now, too. “When I get home, I'm going to have to use the rake because she cut everything,” he smiled. Thousands of Polynesians cheered their champion and Johanne Defay from the French island of Reunion, who won bronze in the women's final. Three-time world champion Gabriel Medina of Brazil, who went into the Games as a widely tipped favourite, took the men's bronze. Last week a picture of Medina kicking out of a wave went viral, becoming a defining image of the sport and the Paris Games. With an American, a Brazilian, an Australian and a French surfer, the four best surfing nations were represented in the finals. French Polynesia comprises more than 100 islands, including Tahiti. AFP

India look to avoid series loss against SL

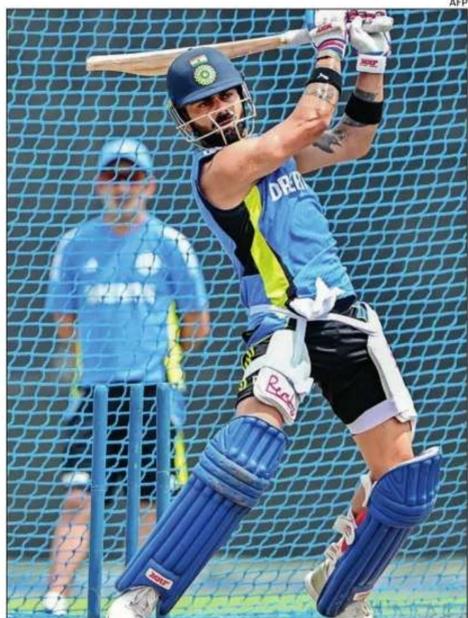
All Eyes On Rohit And Co In The Final ODI

Colombo: The onus will be on Indian batters, particularly the talismanic Virat Kohli, to follow the path laid down by skipper Rohit Sharma and tactfully counter the spin challenge in the third and final ODI here on Wednesday to avoid their first series defeat to Sri Lanka in 27 years.

It's certainly not the start Gautam Gambhir, a stickler for victories, would want in his first ODI assignment as the team's head coach. India's previous bilateral ODI series defeat against the Islanders came in 1997. The Arjuna Ranatunga-led Lankans then inflicted a 0-3 hammering on Sachin Tendulkar and his men.

Since then, India and Sri Lanka have played 11 bilateral ODI rubbers home and away, with the 'Men in Blue' emerging on the right side of the result in all of them.

India will not be able to win the current three-match series after succumbing to the hosts by 32 runs in the second ODI, and conceding a tie in the first game. This position of discomfort is



TIME TO DELIVER: Virat Kohli has managed 38 runs in the series

SPIN TALES

brought upon the team by the batsmen, who seemed to have been plagued by indecisiveness on a RPSC pitch that offered plenty of turn to the spinners. Curiously, none reflected that brittleness more than star batter Kohli. He has made 38 runs in two matches, but more than the volume of runs, the manner of his dismissals evoked greater concern.

Kohli looked subdued in the middle, particularly after the fiery starts given by Rohit. Kohli just needed to build on it. But the master batter in him remained dormant as he pottered around the leg-spin of Wanindu Hasaranga in the first match and of six-wicket man Jeffrey Vandersay in the next, before eventually getting consumed by them.

He looked a far cry from the dominant batsman who once cracked four hundreds at the very same venue. Perhaps, Kohli should direct his mind to happier times than allowing it to be fettered by demons

of the present. But then his turmoil is a true reflection of the struggle that has gripped the Indian batting unit. In Shivam Dube, India have a spin-basher, but the left-hander could not even pick a regulation leg-break by Vandersay in second ODI. Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul too have lorded over spinners in the past, but here their feet and wrists have been unresponsive. They need to watch the batting of Rohit to find a remedy—not so much in his approach but more in

the confidence and planning behind his knocks.

PARAG TO GET THE CALL?

From a combination perspective, the team management might look at the position of Dube, despite a 24-ball 25 in first match. Under the existing conditions, Riyan Parag's spin, off-spin or leg-spin, might come handier than the honest medium pace of Dube, and the former is a hard-hitter too. **Live on Sony Sports, 2.30pm PTI**

'Big opportunity to find answers'

India all-rounder Washington Sundar feels the must-win third and final ODI against Sri Lanka will provide them a big opportunity to counter the spin threat in challenging conditions and hold the team in good stead ahead of next year's Champions Trophy.

"It is an opportunity for us to go out there and put our hands up and win those critical situations," Sundar told reporters. "Obviously with the big tournaments coming up, we will be in similar situations and it will be important to find ways as to what we can do to win those critical situations especially in similar conditions against quality spin attack." **PTI**

Karthik joins Paarl Royals

Former wicketkeeper batter Dinesh Karthik was on Tuesday signed by Paarl Royals for the third season of the SA20, making him the first Indian cricketer to participate in the South African league, starting on Jan 9. Karthik, 39, retired from all forms of cricket in June this year and since then he has been roped in as a mentor-cum-batting coach by IPL side RCB. His last competitive T20 outing was for RCB in IPL 2024, for whom he made 326 runs in 14 matches.

CRICKET

CA CEO HOCKLEY TO STEP DOWN AFTER NEXT SUMMER

Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley on Tuesday said he will step down from the role at the end of the ongoing season (2024-2025) after five years in the job. Hockley, who served CA for 13 years, had taken over as its chief executive following the resignation of his predecessor Kevin Roberts in 2020. **AGENCIES**

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WILL GRAPPLE FOR GOLD TONIGHT

> Vinesh Phogat, 29, became the first Indian woman wrestler ever to reach the final of an Olympic event after a convincing 5-0 win over Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez in the 50kg freestyle category in Paris (see pic, Vinesh in red). With silver guaranteed, Vinesh will grapple for gold against 2020 Tokyo bronze-medallist Sarah Ann Hildebrandt of US in the final early Thursday (around 12.15am). Vinesh was one of the prominent faces of the wrestlers' protest against then WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Earlier, Vinesh came from behind to pull off the biggest wrestling upset at Paris Games by stunning 4-time world champion and Tokyo gold medallist Yui Susaki of Japan with a last-minute takedown to claim a 3-2 victory. The 'invincible' Susaki hadn't lost a single match in any of her previous 82 international bouts. Vinesh then edged past Livach Oksana of Ukraine to move into her maiden Olympic semis

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INDIA GO DOWN FIGHTING, TO PLAY SPAIN FOR BRONZE

> A valiant India went down 2-3 to Germany in the men's hockey semifinal. In a riveting match, India had their chances but a professional German outfit weathered the storm to make the title round against Netherlands. India will play Spain in the bronze medal playoff on Thursday



MEN'S TT TEAM OUT

> Veteran Achanta Sharath Kamal showed resistance but India suffered a 0-3 loss to China in the pre-quarterfinals, which ended their campaign in the men's table tennis team event

> Armand Duplantis soared over his rivals in clinching back-to-back Olympic pole vault crowns on Monday with a new world record. Swedish star Duplantis cemented his status as the greatest pole vaulter in history with a superb display, blowing the roof off the Stade de France with a final leap of 6.25 metres, improving his world record by an inch



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New Delhi: The govt has decided to rework its proposal on long-term capital gains tax for real estate by providing individuals and HUFs the option to pay tax along with indexation benefit at 20%, or at 12.5% without indexation, depending on where they are better off. The tweak — for properties acquired before July 23,

APPLIES TO PROPERTIES BOUGHT BEFORE JULY 23

> Govt gives choice to property buyers on long-term capital gains — pay tax along with indexation benefit at 20% or at 12.5% without indexation

> Option provided only to properties bought prior to day of Union Budget (July 23, 2024)

> Move follows discontent among property owners,



particularly middle class, over prospect of paying higher taxes without the indexation benefit, meant to adjust for inflation

> In another tweak to Budget proposals, unlisted securities or shares sold between April 1 and July 23, 2024, will attract 10% tax. The new rate of 12.5% will apply after July 23

The move follows concerns among the middle class and other property owners that they would be disadvantaged under the new regime which does away with the in-

dexation benefit, meant to adjust for inflation, while lowering the tax rate from 20% to 12.5% as part of an exercise to ensure that all asset classes face the same levy instead of multiple rates.

Although tax authorities as well as Sitharaman had sought to allay the fears and argued that people will not be worse off under the new dispensation, the govt chose to remove an irritant in a budget that had been welcomed on most other counts. Several experts had argued that the changes would impact older properties more.

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Gruha Lakshmi dues likely to be cleared by Varamahalakshmi fest

Mandya: Allaying fears over stalled Gruha Lakshmi payments, women and child development minister Laxmi Hebbalkar said beneficiaries of the scheme have begun receiving their funds from Tuesday onwards. "Due to some technical glitch, we could not transfer the funds for June and July to bank accounts," the minister said, adding that the process has now resumed. She made

this announcement during the Janandolana rally, aimed at countering the padayatra organised by BJP and JD(S).

Officials further assured that the govt has ensured that all beneficiaries are paid ahead of Varamahalakshmi Puja on Aug 16. The scheme, which promises to provide ₹2,000 to every woman head of families in economically weaker sections, was launched on Aug 30, 2023. **TNN**

CM submits more papers to gov; new plea filed, P 4

Eat & drink till lam as govt extends nightlife in B'luru

Bengaluru: The state govt Tuesday announced that all clubs, hotels, bars and restaurants in the city can now serve liquor till lam daily.

The move is meant to be a shot in the arm for nightlife in the tech-capital, apart from helping generate additional revenue. Currently, clubs, hotels and restaurants do not serve liquor beyond 11pm.

According to the latest notification, clubs, hotels and

boarding houses, and hotels and boarding houses owned by members of the SC, ST community have been permitted to sell liquor from 9am to lam. However,

neighbourhood bars and restaurants can sell liquor only from 10am to lam.

The notification also allows all eateries to serve customers from 6am to lam, within BBMP jurisdiction. This includes all darshinis, restaurants, hotels & food carts. **TNN**

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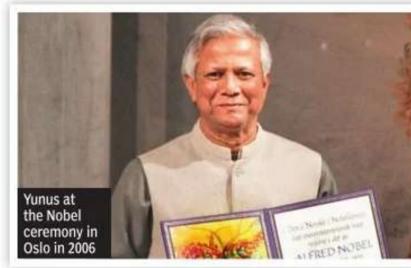
Why Bangladesh Is Banking On Yunus

The 84-year-old Nobel peace prize winner put the country on the development map, but had his share of troubles with Sheikh Hasina, whose ouster sparked calls for him to head the interim govt

A Scholar And Academic...

In 1969, Muhammad Yunus earned his PhD in economics from Vanderbilt University in the US, where he went to study as a Fulbright scholar. He was 29 then. After that, he started teaching at Middle Tennessee State University but was back by 1972 to the land of his birth, which was Bangladesh now and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman — Hasina's father — was the man

in charge. Yunus joined the department of Economics at the University of Chittagong, the province where he was born in 1940. In 1974 came the Bangladesh famine and it was around this time that Yunus thought of using the microcredit model to help out impoverished Bangladeshis, especially women.



Yunus at the Nobel ceremony in Oslo in 2006



DRIVING IN CHANGE: Women who received loans outside a Grameen Bank office in Bangladesh

...Who Became 'Banker To The Poor'...

According to Grameen Bank, the institution synonymous with Yunus, the microcredit project took off in 1976 from Jobra village in Chittagong — or Chattogram — district. By 1983, the pilot project had led to the creation of the bank. Upending the premise of banks giving loans against collateral, Yunus championed a scheme of extending small loans without any requirement of collateral. The bank says it is now

present in 94% of Bangladesh's villages and touches nearly 45 million people — more than a fourth of the population — through its 10.6 million borrower members. It says that 97% of its borrowers are women and that, till June 2024, it had given out loans worth \$38 billion and "has ensured a lucrative recovery rate of 96.3%... higher than any other banking systems". In 2006, the bank and Yunus were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

...But Fell Foul Of PM Hasina...

Soon after the Nobel came an episode that Yunus says is the cause of troubles that he's had to face with Hasina's now dismantled govt. In 2007, he was linked with a move to launch a new political party. There was a caretaker military govt in charge and Hasina and most other political leaders were under house arrest or in jail.

"So, people kept coming to me, that you should join politics... And they put pressure and finally I said 'okay, I'll join politics and I'll create a party'... Within two months I announced that 'no I'm not

going to create a party'. That's all — I never created a party," Yunus told The New York Times in 2012.

But he believes Hasina misread his intentions. Asked about his equation with Hasina, he told NYT, "She never explained so I don't understand what went on, just speculation in the press. One is that she feels I'm a political threat... This is again speculation. She never said that I'm a political threat... We've never had a face-to-face meeting, although I've tried to seek her appointment so I could see her, but it never happened."



FROSTY TIES: Yunus came under pressure from the govt after Sheikh Hasina returned to office in 2008

...And Ran Into Rough Weather, Though His Popularity Is Largely Intact



BRAVE FACE: Yunus talks to mediapersons following a hearing at a labour court in Dhaka in Nov last year

In 2011, the Hasina-led govt announced that Yunus had been removed from the position of managing director of Grameen Bank. That came after she reportedly alleged that the bank was "sucking blood of the poor" and Yunus was treating it as his "personal property".

"They removed me and still they couldn't find a replacement... after all this bank is owned by poor people. The borrowers own 97% of the bank and the govt owns only 3%," he had told NYT. His troubles, though, didn't end there. He faced trial in 2013 on charges of violating foreign currency rules and was also prosecuted in connection with the companies he created.

In Jan this year, Yunus was

sentenced to six months in jail for violating labour laws before getting bail in March. Yunus's lawyers were reported to have said he's facing more than 100 other charges over labour law violations and alleged graft.

But the man who's received multiple international honours enjoys a solid reputation at home and abroad. In August last year, over 170 global figures, including the likes of former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, signed a petition asking Hasina to stop the "persecution" of Yunus. And, now, leaders of the protest movement that removed Hasina have urged him to become the chief adviser of the interim govt.

Source: Media reports

Vietnam War Protests (United States)

One of the most iconic student protest movements that led to a huge boost in anti-war sentiments. Throughout the 1960s and early 1970s, campuses across America saw teach-ins, sit-ins and shutdowns to protest US' involvement in Vietnam War. The students targeted both Johnson and Nixon administrations, companies like Dow Chemicals with ties to the war, and saw thousands burn their drafts. These actions would ultimately turn sentiments against the war, with American troops being withdrawn by 1973.



Soweto Uprising (South Africa)

In June 1976, thousands of students marched in protest against unequal education in Apartheid South Africa. Armed police attacked the march, leading to anti-Apartheid protests spreading, drawing international condemnation of the South African regime. Those protests are believed to have played a pivotal role in setting the stage for the eventual end of the Apartheid regime.

Velvet Revolution (Czech Republic/former Czechoslovakia)

Just after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, students gathered in Prague to mark the 50th anniversary of a protester's death in an anti-Nazi demonstration. But it soon morphed into a protest against the then communist Czechoslovak govt. Police action against the students only fuelled the movement, spreading it to other cities, and forcing the communist leadership to resign. This made way for a new democratic regime in a peaceful transition of power.

FROM CLASSROOMS TO STREETS TO PAGES OF HISTORY

Just like in Bangladesh, student protests have forced regime change or forced policy corrections across countries and over decades. Rudroneel Ghosh picks the most consequential protests

Bangladeshi students spearheaded protests that eventually brought the curtains down on the Sheikh Hasina govt this week. Across the world and in many instances in modern history, students have played a pivotal role in bringing about a change of regime or, even if they fell short of regime change, forcing major policy course corrections. Here's a look at landmark student protests that had a profound impact or left behind a lasting impression. That criterion excludes the May 1968 student protests in France. While dramatic and led by charismatic leaders, it really didn't change much. The French establishment prevailed.

Jasmine Revolution/ Arab Spring (Tunisia)

As the birthplace of the Arab Spring, protests in late 2010 and early 2011 led to the ouster of strongman Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. Students were a critical part of the protests that broke out after the self-immolation of Mohd Bouazizi. Economic troubles and political repression were key issues. Tunisia is the most successful of the Arab Spring revolutions.

Euromaidan (Ukraine)

Protests broke out in Kyiv in Nov 2013 when then president Viktor Yanukovych decided not to sign the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, opting for closer ties with Russia instead. Students were the core of the protests and also the first to mobilise and set up barricades, tents at Kyiv's Independence Square. Their actions led to the eventual ouster of Yanukovych, ushering in a new dispensation.

Sunflower Movement (Taiwan)

In 2014, Taiwanese students and civil society groups came together to protest the then Taiwanese Kuomintang govt's proposed trade in services agreement with China, which they believed would hurt the Taiwanese economy. The student protesters also occupied Taiwan's Legislative Yuan for the very first time. The protests shelved the trade pact and laid the foundation for change in govt during the 2016 Taiwanese elections.



Umbrella Movement (Hong Kong)

In 2019, a series of protests broke out in Hong Kong over a proposed extradition bill that would cover extradition to mainland China. Students were at the forefront of the demonstrations, which ultimately forced the Hong Kong administration to suspend the bill. This was seen as an important victory and a crucial stance against creeping Chinese Communist Party political control over the city state.

Aragalaya Protests (Sri Lanka)

Protests broke out in Sri Lanka in 2022 over the mismanagement of the local economy under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. University students would play an important role in the demonstrations that would see Gotabaya's exit and the formation of an interim dispensation under President Ranil Wickremesinghe, which steadied the Sri Lankan economy. However, the protesters failed to achieve larger political and constitutional reforms.

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